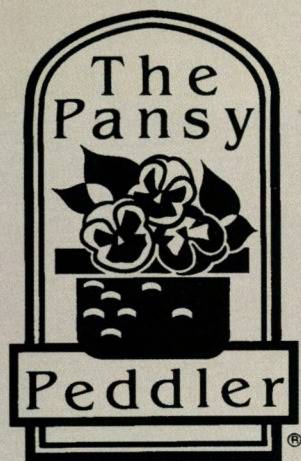


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LIFE LESSONS WE LEARNED FROM MARSHAL PETTRIE

I am a very lucky person to have crossed paths with dear Marshal. He will forever be an example for me on how to live life as a truly loving human being.

Marshal will always be with us, and that is what matters.

His kind smile and smirk and laugh will live in my heart forever.

I learned that macaroni and cheese is a dinner.

The people you work with are much more important to your job than the work you're hired to do.

Call your mother.

It's OK to make a mistake—that's how we learn.

Don't listen to gossip, and don't repeat anything bad about anyone.

I only knew Marshal a short while, but at the mention of his name, I smile.

Marshal had a light within him that revealed itself in his calmness and kindness and in his wonderful laugh and smile.

I know he's in heaven now, tickling the angels with his fun sense of humor and offering a helping hand to all.

When I think of Marshal, I think of a ray of sunshine: he always seemed to brighten and cheer up a room as soon as he entered. ■

Life Lessons

On April 20, Kappa Alpha Theta lost a very dear friend.

Marshal Pettrie had been a member of the Headquarters staff for 10 years, but simply to describe his many duties can't begin to convey what he did or who he was. Marshal was proud of Theta, and he was proud to be an earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic worker on her behalf. He was patient, cheerful, funny, and kind. He understood what is important in life, and he didn't take the unimportant things too seriously.

Marshal's death from a sudden heart attack hit those of us who knew and worked with him pretty hard. Many of you who are reading this column were also Marshal's friends; many others of you met him while visiting or calling Headquarters. I am sorry for those of you who never had a chance to know him. You missed a special man.

In honor of Marshal, the Headquarters office was closed for several days after his death. Most of us came in anyway. It was truly terrible to walk by his dark office, but it was comforting to have work to do and I think we needed to be with one another. We cried a lot, of course, although we knew that Marshal would have been distressed by our sadness and a little bit embarrassed by all the attention.

So in the midst of our sorrow, we also tried to remember that Marshal was a lighthearted person. We told silly stories about him and related jokes and stories that he had told us. We placed a flip chart in the center office and invited everyone to write down something he or she had learned from Marshal. After a while, we compiled all these "life lessons" into a book.

About a month after Marshal's death, we invited his mother and sister to have

lunch with us. At the luncheon, we gave one copy of *Marshal's Little Instruction Book* to his family. In turn, Marshal's mom, whose hobby is painting, presented us with a beautiful painting that hangs in a place of honor at Headquarters.

As I write this, I find that I am crying again, and crying strikes me as a poor memorial. A far better way to remember Marshal is to take his little instruction book to heart. So I'd like to share with you some of the passages from the book, as well as from the condolence cards and notes we received.

Marshal touched the lives of everyone he met, from the nine-year-old son of a staff member to the contractors who clean the Headquarters building to the personnel at our local post office branch. He was one of the most centered people I have ever known. He enjoyed life; he truly lived in the moment.

A few months before he died, I was shopping for a new car. Marshal loved cars, and we talked about the different models I was considering. The one I finally bought is called Intrigue, and after that Marshal would ask me the same question every morning: "Is life still intriguing?"

Now I hear that question in my head as I get in the car and drive to work in the morning. And thanks in part to the lessons I learned from the way Marshal lived his life, I will always be able to answer in my head, "You know, it really is."

Loyally,

Liz Appel Rinck

Liz Appel Rinck
Gamma/Butler

1998-99 Editorial Board

The Fraternity is seeking members to serve on the editorial board of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* for a one-year term. Board members share suggestions, serve as professional resources, and write articles for *The Magazine*.

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• **ERIN KRETZSCHMAR, ΑΜ/MISSOURI**, is an executive assistant at Fleishman-Hillard, Inc. Her article, "Sharing Sisterhood at Singing Eagle Lodge," appears in this issue of *The Magazine*. ■



Theta's presence on the World Wide Web has been well-received by many Internet surfers....

From: Michele M. Rivard, EK/Dartmouth '87
Subject: Hello!
 Hello! I just got off your website and can see why members rave about it in *The Magazine*. Congratulations!

From: Holly Woodbury, AY/Washburn
Subject: Guest Book
 The website is wonderful! Would it be possible to add a guest book section where Thetas can sign in with their E-mail addresses for all to access? It would help to connect Thetas everywhere.

From: Grace M. Tanaka
Subject: Hello from an alum
 I am quite impressed with this web site. I am using the information I am reading to submit an article on sorority life to a Japanese magazine. I am an Iota/Cornell Theta, class of '88, currently residing in Manhattan. Going through the site has made me want to become more active in the alumnae chapter here. Congratulations on a terrific job!

From: A potential Theta
Subject: I enjoyed your web site...
 Hi. My name is Christa Carpenter and I just wanted you to let you know that your website was very helpful in learning about Kappa Alpha Theta and I am very excited about rushing. My sister-in-law was a Theta and she has told me many great things about sisterhood. I just wanted to thank you for the great information.

From: Claudia Melara, BO/Iowa
Subject: Web Page
 I just visited the Theta web page, and I commend you on a job well done. The graphics are beautiful. Keep up the excellent work.

From: Renee Underwood, ΓΦ/Texas Tech '76
Subject: Permanent Alumnae Secretary
 Web Site

Wow! Every time I visit the Theta Web Site new and exciting things are happening. It's truly a work in progress.

Here's a suggestion taken from the Phi Kappa Psi Web site - Provide a directory of alumnae E-mail addresses. You can look at their site to see how they pull it off. It appears to be strictly voluntary contributions.

Also, as a PAS, I would love it if you would provide an area for members to respond that they are not getting Theta mail, must be lost, and want to be back in the fold!

Keep up the good work!

From: Allison Kahn Goedecke, ZO/Cal Poly
Subject: Website

The new website looks terrific. It is so well organized and easy to use. Good job!!!
 Thank you!

From: A fellow NPC organization.
Subject: Web Site Creation

Hi - I am an Alpha Delta Pi alumna and am on a national committee to create a homepage for us. I think your site is fabulous and would like to speak with the person in your organization who coordinated it so that I can get some pointers and additional information about the group who designed it. - Susan Schwieterman

Please keep your comments and suggestions coming and be sure to continue using our site in the months to come - we will be developing new areas each time you visit.

Planned updates include:

- Guest book
- Integration of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* and additional Theta resources
- More merchandise available
- Alumnae group listing and map
- Headquarters tour
- Clip art on-line
- *Theta Connections* where Thetas can post career opportunities and job-related information

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SNAPSHOTS



Seventeen members from the '40s era gathered at the **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND** for the 50th Reunion of the **GAMMA MU CHAPTER**. Three charter members of the 1947 pledge class were also in attendance.



These members of the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA** and **WASHINGTON DC/SUBURBAN MARYLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTERS** participated in the National Race for the Cure on June 6, 1998.



The new member class of 1948 at **GAMMA DEUTERON CHAPTER** at **OHIO WESLEYAN** held a week-long 50 year reunion. In attendance were (back row) **INA GORHAM SCHLOBOHM**, **JEAN ORTON HILCHEY**, **JANET GRUBB NEFF**, and **ROSE MARY STOCKWELL DAWSON**; (front row) **ROSLYN SEABURY COLLINS**, **JOANNE PLANK GREAVES**, **ELEANOR DELONG WIEDIE**, **HELEN SIMESTER LONG**.



Indiana's State Day Celebration featured a "Parade of Decades" fashion show. **MINDY YOUNG**, **AMBER CONNOLLY**, **KAREN SCHULTZ ALTER**, and **JANET KING HARRIS**, all **I/BUTLER**; and **DIANE BARDACH SNYDER**, **N/HANOVER**, modeled fashions current during Theta's early years.



Members of the **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER** at **TEXAS A&M** assisted at the **NORTHWEST HOUSTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER** Bingo Luncheon. The luncheon and bingo game were held as a benefit for Montgomery County CASA.



Ten Thetas participated in the fall 1997 Semester at Sea Program. While studying on a floating university, they visited Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, India, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, Spain, and Morocco. Participants pictured are: (back row) **JULIE APPLGARTH**, **BΞ/UCLA**; **KARI THOMPSON**, **BΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**; **STEPHANIE ELLIS**, **ΔI/PUGET SOUND**; **CHRISTINE FISCHER**, **BK/DRAKE**; (middle row) **MELANY NORTON**, **BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**; **JENNIFER SCHERER**, **Ψ/WISCONSIN**; **EMILY FIELD MEADE**, **ΔI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**; **SARAH SMITH**, **BΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**; (front row) **NICOLE FISCHER**, **BK/DRAKE**; and **KATIE SIEBEN**, **BΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**.



MARGARET BUTLER DELFOSSE, **Y/MINNESOTA**, and **NANCY NELL WALKER ENGLANDER**, **I/BUTLER**, reunited this spring at Santa Rosa Island, Pensacola, Fla.



MEGAN MCCARTHY and **LAURA HAEHL**, **AX/PURDUE**, pose while cheering the Boilermakers on to victory at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio.



Former Educational Leadership Consultant **JILL QUINTANA, AO/OKLAHOMA**, is currently spreading good cheer as a member of Walt Disney World Resort's 1998 Ambassador Team. Quintana, one of three ambassadors selected from more than 150 applicants, will represent 44,000 cast members by officiating at special events; being interviewed by TV, radio, and print reporters; and making goodwill visits worldwide to children's hospitals and retirement homes.



Twin Thetas **CASSIE** and **MARY DRINKUT**, both $\Delta\Sigma$ /BALL STATE, shared a moment together on a sidewalk at Indiana University, where Mary is attending the School of Optometry.



The members of the **BETA PI CHAPTER** at **MICHIGAN STATE** posed with their plaques and trophies in celebration of their Greek Week 1998 championship. The week's events raised more than \$85,000 for area charities.



ALPHA TAU CHAPTER from the **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI** took a road trip to Kappa Alpha Theta Headquarters in Indianapolis for their sisterhood retreat. Members said that all of the artifacts and pictures were a "... blast from the past."



JEANNE BALLARD HANSON, NANCY SCHMULBACH LINDBERY, DIANNE CARLSON BJORK, HEIDI LICHT NAIL, and CONNI FOLEY MCCANN, members of the **ALPHA RHO CHAPTER** at **SOUTH DAKOTA**, gathered to celebrate their 40th birthdays together in Sioux Falls, SD.



ERICA KINSTREY, LAUREN EPKE, KELLY MCLAUGHLIN, BRIANNA ROBINSON, and DANA ROWE, all **BI/COLORADO**; and **GINNY STIFFLER, EE/BAYLOR**, posed outside the Beta Iota facility in the "fairy princess crowns" they created while volunteering at a local community charity event.

Members of the **EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER** at **WESTMINSTER** have recently begun a new service project—giving manicures to the women at the Fulton Presbyterian Manor for Elderly People. The project has been a great success and a very rewarding experience.





During the first session at LeaderShape, Thetas participating in the program took time out from their busy schedules to pose for a photo. (Back row) MELISSA WEHRMAN, AT/CINCINNATI; AMANDA BRENLOVE, EQ/WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON; ERIN JOHANSEN, ZT/DELAWARE; ABBEY GRUBER, AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS; (Middle row) HEATHER DUFF, ZT/DELAWARE; JEAN VETTEL, ΓΘ/CARNEGIE-MELLON; DEBRA CIFREO, ΔK/LOUISIANA STATE; NATALIE EDWARDS, Φ/PACIFIC; CAROL ROHDE, ΔO/ALABAMA; (Front row) KIMBER BLANTON, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; STACIE CASS, EQ/WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON; LIISA SHELDRICK, ΓE/WESTERN ONTARIO; DANIELLE GRAZIANI, ZT/DELAWARE.



On a Saturday afternoon, the members of the LAMBDA CHAPTER at VERMONT dedicated their time to help clean up their community. They helped remove 32 tons of refuse and debris during snow flurries and a high temperature of 34 degrees.



Members of the GAMMA PI Chapter at IOWA STATE pose before heading into a Greek Week event.



BARBARA CLAIRE SCHMIDT HEINEN, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN, enjoyed attending the Final Banquet at Convention 1998 with her Theta daughters: (left to right) Heinen, DONNA JANE HEINEN SANDERS, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN; DEANNE HEINEN KUNZ, EE/BAYLOR; AND DENISE HEINEN HARRIS, EE/BAYLOR.



Members of the 1946 new member class at the ALPHA CHI Chapter at PURDUE gathered for a luncheon in Indianapolis. (Back row) MARTHA MATTIX GEE, MARTHA SCHROYER HUDLOW, HILDA SALMOND HENSARLING, PATRICIA LANGE REINKING; (Front row) COLLEEN VAUGHN HOPKINS, ANN RUSH BOSTICK, BETTY ALBERTY SCHNAIBLE, DOROTHY DARNALL JONES, JOY DRIESBACH PETERSON.



CAROLINE POTTER SHERARD, (center, with card) AM/MISSOURI, recently conquered each of the 315 Surveyors' Bench Marks, high points, and peaks in the mountain ranges surrounding Tucson, Ariz. Caroline, 57, said that it took four years to climb them all, but she is "... very happy to have been able to do this!"



Adorned in yellow Casas for CASA volunteer aprons, members of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter sold raffle tickets. Pictured are: **NANCY WOOD, ΔO/ALABAMA**; **ALTHEA RULAND GRIFFIN, Δ/VERMONT**; **BETH GRANT, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; **JULIA HINKLE, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; **EMILY HUBBELL LEVITT, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; **KATIE SALYER NEELY, ΑΘ/TEXAS**; **KAY FLOWERS JOHNSON, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; **PEGGY CRUCE JONES, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; **SALLY NOECKER HINKLE, ΓΔ/GEORGIA**; Jane Christopher, resource development for Georgia CASA; and Donna Maley, executive director of Georgia CASA.



Sisters of **GINA RUSKAUFF, Ω/UC BERKELEY**, commemorated her life with the dedication of a stone bench outside the Omega chapter house. The inscription on the stone bench reads, "Friends, priceless and forever. In memory of our special friend, Gina Ruskauuff, Omega Theta 1983." Pictured are: **JENNIFER HEMMER, GWYN EVANS, RENEE HENRY, RACHEL COHEN, AND TRACY DOHERTY TAYLOR.**



The **ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER** at **OHIO NORTHERN** was presented with a check from the **TOLEDO ALUMNAE CHAPTER** during Toledo's Founders Day Luncheon.



SUSIE STARRETT, B/INDIANA, and **WENDY FIX, BP/DUKE**, posed to "make the kite" while playing a \$25,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Bogota, Columbia. Both Thetas are professional tennis players.



HAYDEN ELIZABETH DRASS, ZO/WAKE FOREST, Miss Forsyth County (NC), is currently traveling the state of North

Carolina speaking on her platform of breast cancer awareness. This issue is of particular importance to Drass since women on both sides of her family have had the



In March, members of the **PSI CHAPTER** at **WISCONSIN** introduced a new philanthropy event to raise money for CASA. Their new event is called "Theta 8-Ball: Cue for CASA."

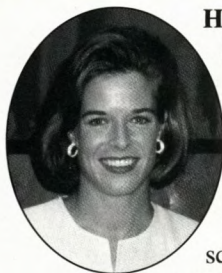
Pictured are: (back row) **DEBBIE LAJEUNESSE, MENIA POULIOS, KATE WELCH, CAROLYN DEANGELO**; (middle row) **KARI DEFFKE, ADRIENNE MCFADDEN**; (front row) **TABITHA ATWELL, MELISSA MILLER, and AMANDA STERN.**



The women of the **EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER** at **RANDOLPH-MACON** paused for a Kodak moment with **SHELBY THOMPSON, A/DEPAUW**, educational leadership consultant, during her regularly scheduled chapter visit.

disease. Soon she will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant, where she will sing a Puccini aria while accompanying herself on the piano.

HELEN TAYLOR SALQUIST, ΑΖ/ WASHINGTON STATE, was honored at the most recent Central Orange County Panhellenic Athena Awards luncheon in April. Salquist was presented with the Athena Medallion for her outstanding service and her dedication to the betterment of life in Orange County.



HEIDI GEORGE JOHNSON, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M, was chosen as Elementary Teacher of the Year in Lewisville ISD for the 1996-97 school year and then

was selected as Region XI's Elementary Teacher of the Year for 1997-98. Johnson is a third-grade teacher at Christa McAuliffe Elementary in Lewisville, Texas. She has been teaching for five years and says that she "... can't picture doing anything else."

LINDA MARKINS SORESENSEN, AX/PURDUE, has served as director of guidance at West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School for more than nine years and has recently been recognized for her outstanding achievements. In addition to her personal hard work, Sorensen credits parental involvement for the high percentage of students going on to college. In 1997, 93 percent of the graduating class went to four-year colleges and 4 percent went to two-year colleges or vocational schools.

NANCY LUSK ZIMPHER, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE, was recently hired as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee by a unanimous vote of the Wisconsin Board of Regents. Zimpher leaves her position as dean of Ohio State's College of Education; she has served in that capacity since 1993.



CRIS EVATT WILLIAMS, ΒΕ/UCLA, is proud to announce the publication of her sixth book, *30 Days to a Simpler Life* (Penguin). It contains a simple day-by-day method for

saving time, money, and space, and was written for working women who are overscheduled—and overwhelmed. Look for it in October 1998.

CAROLE CONES, A/DEPAUW, has recently formed a new public affairs/public relations firm named The Policy Communications Group. In the past, Cones has managed numerous grassroots initiatives and political campaigns. Before opening a consulting

firm in Washington, D.C., she was director of communications for the respected National Health Council.



ANNE BENNETT, B/INDIANA, recently announced her candidacy for Cook County (IL) Circuit Court Judge in the November general election. Bennett is currently employed in

Ernst & Young LLP's Financial Advisory Services/Dispute Resolution & Litigation Services Practice, working as a litigation and trial consultant on commercial litigation, damage analysis, and fraud investigations.



KAREN SCHULTZ ALTER, Γ/BUTLER, has been promoted to vice-president at Borshoff Johnson & Co., the largest independent public relations and market-

ing communications firm in Indiana. As vice-president, Alter is responsible for supervising a team of public relations professionals and providing senior-level counsel to some of the firm's largest clients.



LORI TORGERSON, ΑΝ/MONTANA, was selected by the All Greek Council (AGC), the Interfraternity Council (IFC), and the Panhellenic Council as the 1998 Greek Woman of the

Year. As president of the AGC, Torgerson is regarded as one of the foremost leaders of the Greek community. Selection for Greek Woman of the Year is based on Greek community involvement, campus involvement, community involvement, and academic achievement.

PATRICIA PLUMMER PICKETT, ΓΥ/MIAMI, is proud to serve as president and chief operating officer of the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (better known as ALTA). The organization was recently named "Tennis City of the Year" for

1998, and will be hosting several tournaments and events in the coming year.



DEBBIE FRIEZ, ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA, was recently promoted to the position of account executive with Minnesota Clipping Service. Friez will direct sales and marketing for the company, which provides press clipping coverage of all Minnesota publications.



BETSY AMICK RHODES, ΓΕ/SAN JOSE STATE, was recently honored with the dedication of an elementary school in her name in Las Vegas, Nev. **NANCY HARDY DREW, ΓΕ/SAN JOSE**

STATE; ELEANOR STONE BRADY, ΓΕ/SAN JOSE STATE; BETSY AMICK RHODES; BARBARA LEHR JONES, Υ/MINNESOTA; LYNETTE CLARY DiNAPOLI, ΓΕ/SAN JOSE STATE; and LA VERNE KNEESHAW SCHMIDT, ΓΕ/SAN JOSE STATE, attended the ceremony.

TRACIE PRIDAY PATTEN, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE, was recently named manager of corporate communications at Techneglas Inc., located in Columbus, Ohio.

MARY MARGARET CARLSON FARABEE, ΑΘ/TEXAS, was honored at a luncheon recently after being named Austin's Most Worthy Citizen of 1997. The Austin Board of Realtors annually presents the award to recognize citizens who improve the quality of life in Austin through their volunteer efforts. "The list of causes Mary Margaret has served in this community touches on so many facets of the quality of life we want to pass on to our children and grandchildren," Lady Bird Johnson wrote in her nomination letter.

KAY MAXWELL, ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA, has been elected first vice-president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Along with the other officers and directors, Maxwell will strive to increase citizen participation in the electoral process and encourage women and minorities to run for public office. ■

Inspired by Example

I am sorry to be late in sending this letter regarding Patricia Anderson's inspiring story, "My Life on Wild Pig Ridge," which appeared in the Autumn 1997 issue of *The Magazine*. At the time that I read the story, I was making the decision to make a major change in my career, and Ms. Anderson's story gave me the confidence and inspiration to "go for it"! It has now been two months since I quit my high-level administrative position, foregoing the security of a good income to live as a one-paycheck family. I now do something more meaningful and more in tune with the simple life which Ms. Anderson has also found. Please continue to publish stories of Thetas who are making decision to break free!

LINDA MAY ROSS

ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA
VIA E-MAIL

Grateful Donor

In April of 1982, I received notification that I had received a graduate scholarship for \$1,200 from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. I used the award toward my first year's tuition in medical school. At this time, I would like to return that amount to the Foundation as an unrestricted gift as a token of my appreciation.

Theta played an important role in helping me to achieve professional goals, and not just financially. During my junior year at the College of William and Mary, I became ill and spend my entire senior year in the hospital. When I returned to school, my entire college class had graduated, and so my Theta chapter was my main connection with the past. My "younger sisters" warmly welcomed me back and eased my transition to campus life. Interestingly, it was during this delayed senior year, while I completed my requirements for a French degree, that I began to think of a career in medicine.

Now, some twenty years (almost) later, I am blessed with a rewarding professional career and a happy, healthy life. I remain committed to the ideals of our Fraternity and am pleased to be able to support the endeavors of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

GAIL M. MATTHEWS

BETA LAMBDA/WILLIAM & MARY

In Memoriam

In the Winter 1997-98 issue, you included a photograph of Beta Gamma Chapter members at a race that was held in honor of Michele Plachy Rubin, Beta Gamma/Colorado State.

Michele lost her fight against brain cancer and died a few weeks ago. The world will miss her. Not only was she a great mother, wife, and teacher, but she was a good friend and leader to all of us at the Colorado State Theta Chapter. During her illness, Michele taught us about having a positive attitude and being grateful for all that we have.

JILL SHADICK HOCKMAN

BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE

More Theta Ties

As I read the Winter 1997-98 issue of *The Magazine*, I was excited to see the article "Peace Corps Volunteers Have Theta Ties." I am also a fellow Theta who is serving in the Peace Corps. I am a math and chemistry secondary school teacher in Tanzania, a country about the size of Texas and Oklahoma combined, in East Africa.

It is great to know other Thetas are also serving in the Peace Corps. It shows the caring and adventurous side of Theta! I hope more sisters will join the Peace Corps, especially since President Clinton intends to increase the number of Peace Corps volunteers worldwide. It is a fantastic opportunity to enrich your life through cultural exchange.

I will not deceive you and write that living in Tanzania is always easy. I have my share of frustrations, such as students who don't understand my English

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(I teach in English) and never having any anonymity. However, the good, rewarding experiences outweigh the bad, frustrating ones. I love to see the look of understanding on my students' faces when something clicks in their minds. Then I know it is all worth it.

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EPSILON LAMBDA/DICKINSON

New Friends

I moved to Delray Beach, Fla., from Greenwich, Conn., in June 1996 and have found the climate most favorable and my new friends most hospitable. I found a Theta alumnae group right away—diverse both in ages and in countrywide representation!

A real bonus for me was getting to know a perfectly darling Theta who graduated from Syracuse. She is a remarkable 103 years years of age! She is bright as a penny and well-traveled, having been to Paris last year for a bit and planning a trip this summer with her son. Her name is Ruth Morrison Colter.

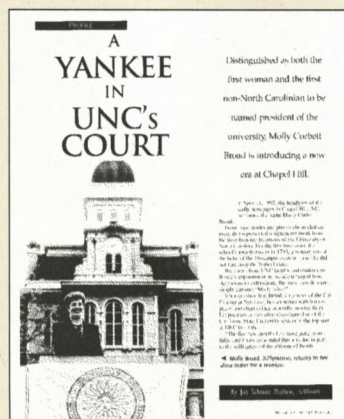
This bears out what I have always felt about my association with Theta—that it goes well beyond college. The delights in Theta know no boundaries in either age or geography!

JEAN WILLIAMS STORCH

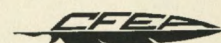
BETA TAU/DENISON

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Letters to The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine may be edited for length.



The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine was honored at the 1998 Conference of the College Fraternity Editor's Association (CFEA). "A Yankee in UNC's Court" (Winter 1997-98), by Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois, received a certificate of merit in the Profile Article Contents category.



NPC Resolution Lends Support to Substance-Free Housing Movement

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) has added its voice to the growing support for substance-free Greek housing. At the 1997 biennial meeting, NPC unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the effort of several men's groups to adopt substance-free housing provisions. NPC specifically recognized FarmHouse Fraternity for having long operated its houses on a substance-free basis and also applauded the efforts of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Nu for their recent commitments to ban alcohol from their residences by July 1, 2000.

The NPC recognized that "... the conduct, scholastic performance, health and welfare of students is being adversely affected by the alcohol-dominated culture of many college campuses." The resolution went on to find that the efforts to create alcohol-free housing were intended to "... provide an atmosphere conducive to the formation of lifetime bonds of brotherhood, grounded in fraternal ideals and values" and "... to create a living environment where behavior consistent with fraternity principles can flourish."

The resolution specifically provided that NPC member groups:

... strongly encourage their collegiate chapters, when co-hosting or selecting for paired events, to give preference to FarmHouse, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Nu, and any other men's fraternity chapter which embraces the policy of substance-free fraternity housing.

The NPC resolution also made it clear that the conference will seek to disseminate its resolution as widely as possible, through the news media, to every National Interfraternity



Conference (NIC) member fraternity, and to the Interfraternity Councils (IFC) of each college or university where there are chapters of NPC member groups.

After the resolution was passed, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* front-page headline read: "National Sorority Group Targets Campus Drinking." The *Daily Utah Chronicle* led with, "Fraternal groups, looking to stop alcohol consumption in their houses, had their cause furthered Monday when the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) resolved to back the ban."

Articles quoted Jean Scott, then-NPC chairman, as saying, "We really believe this kind of an atmosphere is conducive to better conduct, better scholastic performance, and improved health and safety."

The statistics of alcohol and its relations to academic problems, insurance-claim payments, and average costs of liability insurance per fraternity member are alarming. Alcohol is cited in 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all college dropouts. More than 80 percent of all insurance claims are alcohol-related. The average cost for liability insurance per fraternity member is an astounding \$135; costs for sorority members are one-sixth as much. Why? Because our facilities are substance-free, and destruction is less likely to occur in substance-free housing.

At the recent NPC and Association

of Fraternal Advisors (AFA) meetings, Dr. Robert Deloian, immediate past president of Phi Delta Theta, spoke about his fraternity's mission to make brotherhood the substance of choice. He said fraternity houses have become entertainment or recreation centers rather than residences that unite brothers in day-to-day living experiences. Dr. Deloian posed the question, "Are we just a social club that happens to have a secret ceremony?"

Alcohol-free housing is proving to be an asset, not a liability, to Phi Delta Theta. The fraternity has experienced an increase of 25 percent in rush numbers since its announcement in February 1997 to become substance free. According to Dr. Deloian, the men are now recruiting like the women do: they're talking about values and the importance of brotherhood, rather than sponsoring huge all-campus beer busts. Hundreds of letters have been received from members' parents thanking the fraternity for providing a place for their sons to have a quality education and college experience. More than 750 newspaper articles have been written about this movement. Fraternity officers have been interviewed by reporters on several networks, including *NBC Today* and *C-Span*.

NPC made the news, and you can make the news on your campus by telling fraternity members of Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and FarmHouse that you are proud to support their courageous initiative. Write a letter to their chapters, take out an ad in your campus newspaper publicly declaring your support, or hang a banner outside your chapter house. Work with your Panhellenic organization to demonstrate Panhellenic support for this step in the right direction.

The men need to hear from us, now more than ever.

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Study Quantifies Positive Aspects of Greek Life

Friends, Academic Support, Feeling Connected

As he talks, Rob Boles is sitting on the back steps of his fraternity house looking at the place he enjoys so much. "Four years ago, our fraternity was in trouble, but thanks to some great brothers, we have built it up to the strongest fraternity on campus," says Boles proudly. "I love it. If I had to sum up why, I'd say it's the friendships."

Boles is the president of the Phi Delta Theta chapter at California State University-Northridge. After serving in the Marine Corps in Desert Storm, Boles decided to enroll in college. He was 25 when he joined Phi Delta Theta, and he is finding it to be an "amazing experience."

Boles' and others' positive feelings about Greek life go hand-in-hand with the results of an independent study showing that members of both men's and women's sororities are more likely to stay in college.

On behalf of the Research Initiative sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta and the other 25 members of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri-Columbia interviewed 653 students who had dropped out. The study found that membership in a Greek group increased retention by 28 percent.

Craig Loundas, dean of student life at Widener University in Pennsylvania, says, "Once Greeks join, they have made a connection, whereas another freshman may go home after her first year and think, *I didn't enjoy the college experience*. The Greek community has unity because they are able to connect."

The findings of the NPC/NIC Research Initiative show other positive aspects to membership in a men's or women's fraternity, findings that offer opportunities to promote the contributions fraternities and sororities make to their members and their colleges and universities.

"The research findings are a gift," says Maureen Syring, NPC's alumnae committee chairman and cochairman of

the Research Initiative. "This study can be used in recruiting new members, and in showing college administrators the positive contributions our movement makes."

Stephen Rupprecht, assistant director of Greek life at Pennsylvania State University, plans to use the information "... in recruitment to let (students) know about retention and the fact that more Greeks tend to graduate in four years than non-Greeks," Rupprecht says.

"I use it [the Research Initiative] any time that I speak to alumnae. I always use the Research Initiative findings when I speak with a college administrator. I also use it all the time with parents," says Maggie Watkins, executive director of Delta Gamma.

Community involvement after graduation is another strong point for Greek graduates. The 1996 research found that they take a bigger part in civic groups, religious organizations, and volunteer activities. "We have given new meaning to the term *social capital*," says Watkins.

"It becomes part of a fraternity member's lifestyle to volunteer," says Loundas. "Some former students are even serving on the boards of the non-profit organizations they assisted while they were here."

In addition to a commitment to service within their various communities, members of Greek organizations also exhibit a commitment to academic performance.

"Most sororities on our campus have what is called a scholarship head," explains Hayden Smith, Zeta Lambda/Charleston. "They designate tutors in different majors who will help if someone is in academic trouble. We also have rewards for getting As and not skipping classes. Because of their motivation, Greeks have the highest GPAs on our campus."

The commitment doesn't end there. The NPC/NIC Research Initiative studies found that Greeks graduates contributed more money to their alma

maters than other graduates. Rupprecht says, "Greeks have a stronger commitment to their university, a greater sense of belonging. Through their donations, they're saying *thank you*."

Greek alumni also tend to give larger gifts than other alumni. In 1996, 22 percent of these alumni gave \$500 to \$1,000, as compared to 4.2 percent of their fellow graduates. Eleven percent of the Greek graduates also gave \$1,000 to \$5,000, versus 1.4 percent of non-Greeks.

The inescapable conclusion from the data compiled in the Research Initiative, says Stephen Rupprecht, is that Greeks have a greater sense of belonging. "They feel they are not just a number but part of a welcoming community. They know where to turn when they need help."

As students, Hayden Smith and Rob Boles agree.

"Friendships form," says Smith, "and students have a group to come back to. People who drop out may do so because they feel they don't belong anywhere."

According to Boles, one of the greatest things about being in a fraternity is knowing older people who are more experienced. He believes that having personal contact with someone who's been through what you're going through can help you get through some hard times.





Finance and Administration

Perhaps you have traveled through Indianapolis and had the opportunity to tour Theta Headquarters. Perhaps you have called the Fraternity's toll-free phone number to request a copy of a form or a manual. Or perhaps your only contact with Fraternity Headquarters is this magazine, which arrives in your mailbox four times a year.

Whatever your contact (or lack of it!) with Headquarters, you may have wondered what goes on in the Indianapolis building that is home to both Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. In upcoming issues of *The Magazine*, we will highlight staff departments and volunteer committees that call Headquarters "home." In this issue, we get "up close and personal" with the finance and administration department.

"Working here is like no other job I've ever had. I wouldn't trade it in for anything." These are the words of **JEFF RISSE**, director of finance and administration. Along with managing the administrative department, Risser oversees the Fraternity's finances, assists with chapter loans, and works with Theta's numerous facility corporation boards. He also handles another very important detail for all staff members—payroll! He explains that one of his top priorities is ensuring that

there are open lines of communications among all staff members. "It's important that we all work together as a team."

Many people are surprised when they learn that the Headquarters staff is not limited to women only. As a man working for an all-women's organization, Risser feels that he can offer a different perspective. "The Fraternity is a leader in women's work issues with the office's flexible work hours and numerous benefits," he points out.

Even after he leaves work for the day, Risser still finds himself surrounded by women: wife Dina and daughters Ashley, 12, and Haley, 2. On the weekends, the family enjoys water sports at a nearby lake. Risser also makes time to tend to the family's six pigs and is an active volunteer with his daughter's 4-H club.

Assistant Director of Finance **JENI FRYBACK HILGEDAG, GAMMA/BUTLER**, jokingly refers to herself as "... the oldest living member of the Headquarters staff." She has been on staff since the doors to Headquarters opened on August 1, 1983. In that time, she has seen a great change in the volunteer sector, as more women work outside the home as well as hold volunteer positions within Theta.

Currently, Hilgedag assists with college chapter finances and works closely with the finance district directors and the vice-president finance. She distributes college chapter finance packets and information and also helps implement financial procedures with the guidance

of the finance officers. She is responsible for the student loan program and is the scholarship coordinator for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

In her spare time, Hilgedag always finds time for her three daughters, Suzi, 30; Stacy, 23; and Stephanie, 21. She and her husband, Bill, love to travel and would like to visit Norway one day. But in the meantime, she will continue to walk through the front door of Headquarters every morning. "I love my job. I look forward to going to work every day."

HOLLY GOLDEN, finance assistant, has worked for Theta for the past three years. Her job responsibilities include all accounts receivable and invoices. But the thing that Golden enjoys most about working at Headquarters is the people. She feels that everyone genuinely cares about one another and that this attitude makes for a very pleasant and friendly work environment.

Another nice thing, she says, is the underlying team concept. "No one ever says who *can* help out; it's always who is *going to* help out."

When she's not working, you may find Golden finger painting with her three-year-old son, Zane. She also makes time to volunteer in her church's nursery every week.

"I always tell myself that I am going to do the best job that I possibly can. It may not be 100 percent perfect, but it's my best."

JACKIE FREEMAN is also a new administrative assistant, working in finance. She is responsible for accounts payable and insurance and works with facility corporations.

Before working for Theta, Freeman was a part-time county personal property tax assessor. She says that she enjoys the responsibility of her new position and—of course!—likes working with numbers.

Freeman and her husband, Richard, have three children: Tyler, 7; Larissa, 10; and Melissa, 12. All three are very interested in music, as is their mom. Freeman is also a self-professed antiques nut. She has an extensive collection of vintage clothing and accessories.

SUSAN MORIARTY, GAMMA/BUTLER, is systems administrator for Kappa Alpha Theta. She is responsible for the computer network and phone system, including both hardware and software. She keeps current with the latest computer technology and says, "There's

By Jodi Verdicchio,
ΔΘ/Florida

never a dull day; working here is always a challenge."

Moriarty cites the sense of staff camaraderie for creating a pleasant and cohesive working environment. She also appreciates Theta's flexible working environment, which allows her to have both a career and a family: husband David and daughters Ashley, 6, and Megan, 2. "Family time is important to me. I don't care what we do, as long as all four of us do it together." She volunteers at her daughters' day-care center and school and serves as a Sunday school teacher.

Moriarty finds it hard to believe that she has been with Theta for the past 11 years. "I definitely got lucky."

After taking a ten-year "vacation" to stay at home with her two children, **LORIE LARSON LAND, ALPHA CHI/PURDUE**, decided it was time to re-enter the work force. For the past six years, she has worked for the Fraternity as the technical/office services coordinator.

One of Land's main responsibilities is to coordinate and organize the monthly mailings to college chapters, alumnae chapters and clubs, and officers. She also assists with the computer and telephone networks. "Every day is new and different. I learn something new every day. I really enjoy the versatility of my job."

Another aspect of the job she says she enjoys is working with other staff members and volunteers. "It's a lovely group of people. Everybody pitches in and does what they can to help one another out."

At home, Land spends time with "...another lovely group of people," her husband, Tom, and their two children, Abby, 16, and Drake, 13. When she's not acting as chauffeur or attending sports or extracurricular events, she loves gardening, as evidenced by the more than 500 plants in her yard.

"I love my job; I love membership records," says **GRETCHEN BROWN**, membership coordinator for the past seven years. Her primary responsibility is maintaining the membership records and ensuring the accuracy of those records. She is also responsible for address changes and keeping track of Theta's special officers. Collegians and alumnae contact her often for labels and printouts of members and their addresses. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, Brown says that working at Theta allows her to remain part of the Greek community.



Finance and administration department: back row: Jeff Risser, Jennifer Young, Lorie Land, Gretchen Brown, Marshal Pettrie, Bree Lewallen; front row: Sarah Morrow, Jeni Hilgedag, Susan Moriarty, Holly Golden. (Jennifer and Sarah are former administrative assistants.)

Baby-sitting for their two grandsons is a favorite leisure-time activity for Brown and her husband of 40 years, Jim. "Baby-sitting is the best!" she raves. She also enjoys reading and church activities. She is responsible for the Sunday greeter program and attends Bible study every week.

"Good afternoon.... Kappa Alpha Theta.... May I help you?" This is the warm greeting callers hear every time they dial Theta headquarters. The friendly voice belongs to **BREE LEWALLEN**, receptionist. For the past 18 months, she has been responsible not only for receiving all incoming calls but also for ensuring that they all reach the proper personnel in a timely manner. This is not an easy feat—juggling six or seven calls at once can be quite stressful! But Lewallen handles it with calm composure and even helps other staff members with various data entry projects. "I enjoy helping people on the phone, and I like to help the people I work with."

When she isn't managing the front desk, Lewallen is managing a household of three daughters. She and her husband, Bud, enjoy playing games and taking day trips with Kayleigh, 9; Kiri, 7; and Seffie, 1. In her spare time, she is a Girl Scout volunteer and enjoys reading and working on a stamp collection she began when she was eight years old.

MARSHAL PETTRIE, assistant director of administration, played a vital role at

Headquarters for 10 years. He was interviewed for this article shortly before his unexpected death. Originally, Pettrie was hired to help with light maintenance of the facility and to be in charge of mail and shipping. Those responsibilities remained constant, but he assumed many additional duties over the years.

In fact, it was unusual to find Marshal Pettrie at his desk! He was always up and about, doing things. "I enjoy the variety of my job," he explained. "If I had to sit at a desk all day, people would be saying, 'Marshal, wake up!' I'm not a sitter; I like being helpful."

Ever the picture of health and fitness, Pettrie was an avid cyclist. He also enjoyed swimming and aerobics. He suffered a heart attack while doing something he loved: riding his bicycle on a beautiful spring evening.

The things he particularly valued about his job, Pettrie said, were his friendships with his coworkers. "I like working with the ladies," he said, with a smile. "We're like a family," he continued. "We all pitch in and work together."

Marshal Pettrie was proud of his job and proud of Theta. He was an earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic worker for the Fraternity, and he embodied what everyone working at Headquarters strives for.

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Alumna's Gift Makes Thetas' Dreams Come True

WINIFRED TUTTLE STOCKWELL, CHI/SYRACUSE, has done an amazingly generous thing! She has arranged to leave her entire estate to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation to establish an undergraduate scholarship fund in her name. Her gift will establish an endowment fund which will generate annual scholarships to outstanding Thetas. Winnie is concerned about the cost of a college education and felt strongly that she would have a more positive impact by leaving all her assets to one organization rather than splitting her estate up among several.

The Foundation is very appreciative of Winnie's wonderful gift, and we have proudly added her name to the list of members of the *Betty Baur Lambert Society*, established to honor Thetas who have included a gift to the Foundation in their estate plans.

Winnie was born in Buffalo, NY, in 1905. She was an only child, much adored by her parents. Winnie majored in art at Syracuse University and after graduation, with the support and encouragement of her mother, went to Paris to continue her studies and paint. After returning from Paris, she met her husband William. They were married for 48 years until his death. William F. Stockwell was a well-known architect and designed buildings at UCLA, USC, and Cal Tech, as well as City Hall East



in Los Angeles. Winnie's only son died in 1947.

Winnie herself was a well-known interior designer and was the first woman in that field to be employed by Macy's. Kappa Alpha Theta provided new friends and support as she and William relocated several times during their marriage. Winnie always became involved with the alumnae chapter in her area and served as chapter president several times.

Her eyesight has declined so that she can no longer golf or paint, and she now lives in a retirement home. Even though her eyes don't see well, they do visibly brighten at the mention of Theta.

WINNIE TUTTLE STOCKWELL Winnie proudly points to a framed Theta certificate on her wall and loves to talk about her days as a collegian at Syracuse.

Winnie is a very special woman for many reasons. Even though robbed of her vision, her disposition is cheerful and caring. She is extremely grateful for a visit that brightens her day, not realizing that it is the visitor who receives the most joy. Winnie's gift will touch the lives of hundreds of Thetas in the future by providing them with the financial support necessary to achieve their goal of a college degree. Winnie's dream will make other Theta dreams come true.

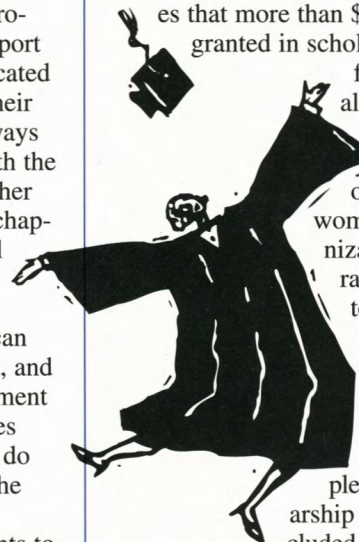
If you would like to consider an estate gift to benefit Theta, please contact the Foundation office in Indianapolis—1-800-526-1870.

Scholarship Record Breaker!

JOYCE ANNE VITELLI, trustee and scholarship chairman, proudly announces that more than \$350,000 was granted in scholarship awards

for 1998, breaking all previous Theta records as well as records of all other men's and women's Greek organizations! Awards ranged from \$500 to \$10,000 each and were presented to both undergraduate and graduate members. A complete listing of scholarship recipients is included in this issue of

The Magazine. Applications for 1999 scholarships will be available in October and are due by February 1, 1999.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to CATHERINE TILLOTSON MCCORD, ALPHA/DEPAUW, who celebrated her 101st birthday on July 17! Catherine is pictured here with Trustee DEBBIE ALLEN during a visit in February. Catherine

remains active and in good spirits and attended Grand Convention 1998 in Dallas!



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Taking Control: Safety Is a Personal Issue

Editor's note: Anne Sullivan-Kim will present workshops at several of the Regional Leadership Conferences in January and February. She holds a black belt in martial arts and is a certified rape crisis counselor. Kim is the director of the Center for Personal Safety in Illinois; for more information, contact her at 630-305-8687.

It is a "typical" day in the life of many busy women. After a rewarding, yet sometimes frustrating day at work, you head home, running a little later than you planned. Let's see—you would like to pick up your dry cleaning, but that would make you late for your daughter's soccer game ... and what about dinner?

You decide to run into a grocery store to grab a quick meal from the deli. You wonder if it is your turn to bring drinks to the game; then your mind wanders, and you begin to plan what you will need to get done on that big project tomorrow. You pay for the food and make your way back out to the parking lot, still mentally organizing yourself. Without a sound or a warning, you feel a hand cover your mouth as you start to open your car door. Then another hand grabs you around the waist and pulls you backward. What would you do?

FBI crime statistics show that in the United States a woman is raped every five minutes. According to police statistics and rape crisis centers, at least one in four women will find themselves the victim of an attack at some point in their lives. While many of use the "Ostrich Defense"—burying our heads in the sand and thinking that it can never happen to us—a much better strategy is to be prepared to defend yourself. The attacker has a plan of attack; you need one, too!

Awareness/Avoidance

The best self-defense strategy is to avoid dangerous situations in the first place. Picture for a moment the way you carry yourself when you leave a store or building and approach your parked car in broad daylight. Now picture the same scenario at night. What is different?

By Anne Sullivan-Kim

At night, we tend to look over our shoulders more, to scan our environments, to walk a little taller and with more purpose, and to make a point of having our keys ready when we get to our cars. At night, we tend to have a feeling of urgency.

Yet more than a quarter of rapes take place during the day. It is important to carry with us at all times the same sense of heightened awareness we feel at night or when we consider ourselves in a "bad" area.

Each of us needs to define our own "personal safe zone": an area around our bodies that we will not let people into unless we are aware of their presence and feel comfortable with their proximity. We teach children to keep their distance from strangers, and we can still carry this over, to a certain degree, into our adult lives.

Many nonverbal clues can signal that we have defined our spaces and are willing to defend them. Stepping back when a stranger moves in too close, stepping out of an elevator when we feel uncomfortable by another passenger's presence, or decisively moving a shoulder at an unwelcome touch are all signals that say, "Back off!"

Most attackers are actually cowards and do not want to put up a fight or handle a struggle. They want a victim who will be easily intimidated into submission. If we walk tall, carry ourselves with confidence, and project a *Don't mess with me* aura, attackers will often move on to select a different target.

Survival Mind-set

Most women who have been attacked remember a feeling that something was wrong prior to their attack. Even if they couldn't quite put their fingers on it, most had intuitions or hunches that something was about to go wrong. The quicker a woman acts on these feelings, the more likely she is to end up safe at the outcome.

This intuitive warning is especially important in defending ourselves against someone we know or have reason to trust. Ninety percent of an effective response lies in recognizing that another person is, in fact, trying to assault us and that we need to respond in order to defend ourselves. This is

especially true in the 75 percent of rape cases that are committed by men known to the victim. In those situations, precious time and opportunities can be lost simply because the victims cannot mentally accept what is happening.

Becoming mentally prepared and willing to defend ourselves is vitally important in preparing a self-defense strategy. We must take on a territorial response in which we feel entitled to our bodies, our lives, and our personal safety. Our will to defend ourselves must be stronger than an attacker's will to harm. This mind-set enables us to use a variety of strategies in dangerous situations.

Research has established that women who fight back during an attack get away more often than women who are passive. Strategies for fighting back include yelling, fleeing, reasoning with the attacker, and physically fighting back. Acting passive or pleading actually increase the chances that a rape will be completed. Women who survive attacks try strategy after strategy until something works. They use their wits to outsmart their attackers; they do not give up mentally.

Self-Defense for Life

All of us know common strategies to keep from becoming a victim, but we do not always follow them. We must double-check our self-defense mind-sets. We mustn't get lost in the comfort zone of daily routines; we must have heightened awareness; we must continually scan our surroundings and the people in them. We must practice by visualizing ourselves in precarious situations like the one at the beginning of this article. We must face the most fearful situations in our minds and ask ourselves: What would my verbal response be? My physical response? Am I prepared to defend myself?

Along with these mental exercises, I strongly urge all women to take a self-defense course to become familiar with additional strategies and actual physical skills. Not talking about the violence in our society does not make the problems go away. Not thinking about the possibilities does not keep them from happening to you or those you care about.

Think, learn, plan, and be prepared: our personal safety is in our own hands. ■



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1998

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's Educational Trust Fund and Lambert Scholarship Programs impacted the lives of 145 academically outstanding Thetas this year. Since the Foundation's founding in 1960, more than \$2.6 million had been awarded to collegians and alumnae pursuing their dreams of a college or graduate degree. Generous gifts from scholarship donors as well as contributions to the annual fund drive make Theta's scholarship program possible.

**In 1998, the Foundation awarded \$352,075
in scholarships, including:**

18 Lambert Graduate Scholarships, \$2,000 to \$10,000 each



Four Founders Memorial Scholarships, awarded to the Fraternity's most outstanding juniors, \$7,500 each



72 undergraduate scholarships averaging almost \$2,000 each



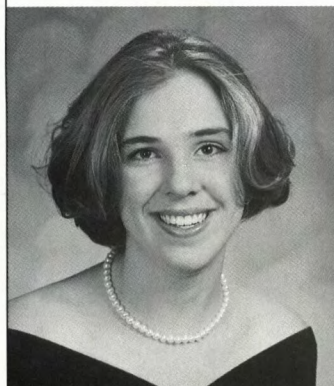
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20 Theta First scholarships made possible by
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1998 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



**BETTIE LOCKE
HAMILTON - \$7,500**

Jennifer Johnson
Y/Minnesota
Maplewood, MN



**ALICE ALLEN BRANT
\$7,500**

Karla Scheele
ΓΠ/Iowa State
Waco, NE



**BETTIE TIPTON
LINDSEY - \$7,500**

Katherine Zagar
EI/Westminster
St. Louis, MO



**HANNAH FITCH SHAW
\$7,500**

Jennifer Goodwin
ΓΥ/Miami
Crown Point, IN

♦ **ALICE WILKEY POYNTER - \$850**
Krista Clark, A/DePauw • Franklin, IN

♦ **ANNE COLLINS MACKEY MEMORIAL - \$1,075**
Paige Ginsberg, AΦ/Newcomb-Tulane • Knoxville, TN

♦ **ARTYE BEOSEMEYER WELCH - \$650**
Bridget Benware, BΞ/UCLA • La Costa, CA

♦ **BALTIMORE ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$500**
Stacie Simmons, BZ/Oklahoma State • Arlington, VA

♦ **BETA ETA CHAPTER - \$1,525**
Samantha Baskind, BH/Pennsylvania • Chapel Hill, NC

♦ **BETA PHI - BAER BUELL - \$650**
Lara Lundstrom, BΦ/Penn State • Russell, OH

♦ **BETTY B. & JAMES B. LAMBERT - \$10,000**
Kristen Derenthal, BN/Florida State • Odessa, FL
Rebecca Macy, N/Hanover • Indianapolis, IN
Sharron Marcus Reed, ΓΦ/Texas Tech • Lubbock, TX
Anne Marie Shields, ΔΔ/Whitman • Macomb, IL

♦ **BETTY B. & JAMES B. LAMBERT - \$7,500**
Carol Miklas, AΘ/Texas • San Antonio, TX
Laurelyn Pratt, ΔX/Virginia • Richmond, VA
Laura Sliter, AN/Montana • Kalispell, MT

♦ **BETTY B. & JAMES B. LAMBERT - \$5,000**
Shelly Johnson, ZY/UT Dallas • Rowlett, TX
Tracy Lambert, ΓΩ/Auburn • Fort Worth, TX
Patricia Price Nelson, BI/Colorado • Lake Oswego, OR
Bethany Schaffart, P/Nebraska • Omaha, NE
Jean Sonnenfield, ΔH/Kansas State • Omaha, NE
Megan Theel, ΔH/Kansas State • Emporia, KS

♦ **BETTY B. & JAMES B. LAMBERT - \$2,000**
Amy Maupin, ΔY/Eastern Kentucky • Knoxville, TN
Ann Minors, K/Kansas • Lawrence, KS
Cory Armstrong Poland, AX/Purdue •
Minneapolis, MN

Hally Rector, BZ/Oklahoma State • Tulsa, OK
Karen Ruckert, ΔH/Kansas State • Topeka, KA

♦ **BETTY BAUR LAMBERT-FAIRFIELD
COUNTY, CT ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$1,000**
Elizabeth Sailhamer, ZM/MIT • North Oaks, MN

♦ **BETTY BLACK HATCHETT - \$1,275**
Katherine Vogt, AO/Oklahoma • Houston, TX

♦ **BETTY MACDONOUGH MEMORIAL - \$575**
Jennifer Preacher, ΔΦ/Clemson • Bamberg, SC

♦ **CAROL GREEN WILSON - \$1,250**
Jean Vettel, ΓΘ/Carnegie-Mellon • Munhall, PA

♦ **CATHERINE TILLOTSON MCCORD - \$750**
Susan Hutz, A/DePauw • Terre Haute, IN

♦ **CHRISTA MCCLUGGAGE - \$1,025**
Nicole Colombo, O/USC • Mill Valley, CA

♦ **CINCINNATI REMEMBRANCE FUND - \$525**
Catherine Clausen Chien, ΔΦ/Clemson •
Cincinnati, OH

♦ **DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$500**
Rebecca Jost, ZX/Johns Hopkins • Lakewood, CO

♦ **DIANE FORST STEPHENS - \$750**
Corrie Klopccic, A/DePauw • Fort Atkinson, WI

♦ **DOROTHY WHITEHURST HEARD - \$2,200**
Caitlin McAneny, AΘ/Texas • Houston, TX

♦ **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT - \$5,000**
Sue Browning Murphy, AA/Washington •
Newport Beach, CA

♦ **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT - \$5,000**
Kelly Welch, EΞ/UC Irvine • Los Angeles, CA

♦ **(SOPHIA SCHOLAR) ELISE LIPSCOMB
FERGUSON - \$1,475**
Clarín Etter, B/Indiana • Milford, OH

♦ **ELIZABETH (BESSIE) FERGUSON
MCNAIR - \$975**
Aimee Ogden, ΔΔ/Whitman • White River
Junction, VT

♦ **ELLEN BOWERS HOFSTEAD - \$5,800**
Kelly Thompson, K/Kansas • Springfield, MO

♦ **FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT,
ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$1,000**
Heather Farquhar, EΞ/Villanova • Simsbury, CT

♦ **FEDERATION OF S. CALIFORNIA
HONORING JANET PAINE PETERS - \$800**
Tamra St. John, ΔI/Puget Sound • Orange, CA



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (continued)

♦ **FLORENCE ABERNATHY WALDROP - \$750**
Tonya Lee, ΔΩ/Texas A & M • San Antonio, TX

FLORENCE BENNER WYLIE - \$1,350
Ashley O'Bannon, N/Hanover • Louisville, KY

♦ **FOUNDATION GRADUATE - \$1,025**
Lesley Belmont, O/USC • Arlington, VA

FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE - \$2,125
Kristin Jones, ΔΣ/Ball State • Lafayette, IN

♦ **FRANCES STRICKLAND/AGNES WRIGHT STRICKLAND - \$1,050**

Jennifer Martin, BF/Colorado State • Lincoln, NE

GAMMA CHAPTER - \$575

Staci Sytsma, Γ/Butler • Demotte, IN

HARRIET FOWLER BROWN-KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$3,000

Jennifer Hoyt, ΔH/Kansas State • Kansas City, KS

HARRIETT D. & C. HOLLIS HULL - \$675

Lisa Massey, Γ/Butler • Crown Point, IN

♦ **HAZEL BAIRD LEASE - \$775**

Megan Driscoll, BT/Denison • Towson, MD

HELEN ROWE SEBBEN - \$2,500

Natalie Edwards, Φ/Pacific • Reno, NV

♦ **HELEN ROWE SEBBEN - \$2,500**

Donna Holzhauer Valentine, Φ/Pacific •

Lakewood, CA

HOUSTON THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW - \$1,675

Lauren Averett, EM/Princeton • Houston, TX

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$1,100

Erin Campbell, AA/Washington • Indianapolis, IN

♦ **IRMA FRAZIER JAGGER - \$550**

Valerie Foster, AA/Washington • Seattle, WA

ISABEL HANFORD OLMSTEAD - \$950

Allison Grotjan, BK/Drake • Ann Arbor, MI

♦ **ISABEL MCKENNEY GATES - \$2,825**

Jennifer Wiczorek, Y/Minnesota • Glendale, WI

♦ **JANE BROKAW GALLUP - \$775**

Melissa Sampson, ΓY/Miami • San Francisco, CA

♦ **JEAN JOHNSON SMITH - \$3,325**

Amy Norton, ΔE/Arizona State • De Kalb, IL

♦ **JEANNE ROSS MILLER - \$2,000**

Angela Fardella, BΣ/Southern Methodist • Lincoln, NE

JENNY ADAMS CRAIN - \$675

Lisa Prather, AΘ/Texas • Dallas, TX

JILL MORRISON MEMORIAL - \$575

Katherine Robinson, EZ/Mississippi • Clarksville, TN

JOAN WAGNER ESSEX - \$575

Julie Wilson, ΓI/Kentucky • Pewaukee, WI

JOSEPHINE BROSSARD STANSFIELD MEMORIAL - \$1,000

Errolyn Yavorsky, A/DePauw • Alpine, CA

JOYCE AULT CORDON - \$550

Amy Swinkels, BX/Alberta • St. Albert, AB

♦ **JOYCE DREW TOOMBS MEMORIAL - \$725**

Marcia Organ, Δ/Illinois • River Forest, IL

JULIA GEHM - \$3,200

Elizabeth Chilian, BΣ/Southern Methodist • Omaha, NE

♦ **JULIA GEHM - \$3,200**

Cindy Miesbach Kastens, P/Nebraska • Nebraska City, NE

JUNE LONGWORTH HARDY - \$1,375

Heather Wlodek, Δ/Illinois • Elgin, IL

♦ **KIMBERLY ORLIN - OMEGA CHAPTER - \$600**

Catherine Robertson, Ω/UC-Berkeley • Hidden Hills, CA

L. PEARLE GREEN - \$1,300

Adrienne Messenger, ΓΘ/Carnegie-Mellon •

Morgantown, WV

LESLIE M. WILSON - \$550

Andrea Morris, AN/Montana • Hamilton, MT

♦ **LINDA MORAN SCHMIDT - \$3,000**

Julie La Barba, AH/Vanderbilt • Dallas, TX

♦ **LOUISE JOHNSON MILLER - \$3,325**

Britta Hoekenga, ZN/UC Davis • Santa Rosa, CA

LUCILE MOORE GARRETT - \$1,725

Jill Hilscher, EE/Baylor • Canyon Country, CA

♦ **MARGARET KILLEN BANTA - \$1,200**

Elizabeth Worzalla, AΨ/Lawrence • Ann Arbor, MI

MARGARET KILLEN BANTA - \$1,525

Christine Jones, AΨ/Lawrence • Schaumburg, IL

♦ **MARIE ANDERSON FITZ - \$950**

Melanie Bills, P/Nebraska • Kansas City, MO

♦ **MARILYN CHESHER LYNCH - \$1,000**

Deana Otts Freeman, ΓΦ/Texas Tech • Houston, TX

♦ **MARILYNN E. MITCHELL - \$500**

Britni Dobbins, BN/Florida State • Gainesville, FL

♦ **MARION NORVILLE - \$875**

Stephanie Bowerman, H/Michigan • Traverse City, MI

MARTHA (MARTY) SMITH WHITE - \$1,450

Jennifer Nelson, BE/Oregon State • Portland, OR

MARY ALICE HORN MEMORIAL - \$1,375

Stasha McBride, BZ/Oklahoma State • Oklahoma City, OK

MARY E. DENGELER - \$1,150

Kathryn Morton, ΔH/Kansas State • Winfield, KS

MARY FRANCES BOWLES COUPER - \$1,200

Stephanie Schulz, AΘ/Texas • Houston, TX

MARY KATHERINE PATTERSON - EE

CHAPTER MEMORIAL - \$600

Sara Johnston, EE/Baylor • Sugarland, TX

MARY L. HINKLE - \$1,625

Yee Mei Peng, EE/UC Irvine • Santa Ana, CA

MELISSA (LISSA) LUTON BRADFORD - \$3,325

Elizabeth Schoenbeck, AM/Missouri • St. Louis, MO

MOLLY KERRIGAN SIX - DES MOINES

ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$650

Kate Hettinger, BK/Drake • Lenexa, KS

♦ **MOLLY MUNTZEL SMITH - \$600**

Melissa Gutierrez, EE/UC Irvine • Ontario, CA

MORNA ELIZABETH DUSENBURY MEMORIAL

\$2,475

Amy Johnson, AΦ/Newcomb-Tulane • Sacramento, CA

♦ **NANCYNELL SWAFFIELD BOGDANOVICH**

\$1,400

Elizabeth Rate, K/Kansas • New York, NY

♦ **NORMA ANDERSON JORGENSEN**

FELLOWSHIP - \$5,000

Tracy Regan, BA/Arizona • Phoenix, AZ

OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$825

Savannah Baker, BZ/Oklahoma State • Oklahoma City, OK

OPAL MARSHALL MCCELVEY - \$700

Catherine Grable, AΘ/Texas • Dallas, TX

♦ **PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

MEMORIAL - \$1,375

Kathleen Rampolla, ΔE/North Carolina • Roslyn, PA

RUTH HILL WILBER - \$1,000

Jessica Schumacher, BZ/Oklahoma State • Chickasha, OK

♦ **RUTH RABBE HAGER - \$600**

Elizabeth Vinson, BP/Duke • Evansville, IN

RUTH ROBIE LACY-ROSEMARY LONGINO

\$2,550

Anne Mallak, ΔΘ/Florida • Indialantic, FL

RUTH SHOEMAKER - BETTY SHOEMAKER

HAGE - \$1,050

Sarah Oliver, EY/Richmond • Nashville, TN

SARAH MORRISON - \$600

Joy McNew, EH/Centre • Peru, IN

SEATTLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$1,050

Magda Cuprys, EΦ/Chicago • Edmonds, WA

♦ **SHARON CIRESE GASSETT MEMORIAL - \$1,475**

Rebecca Macy, N/Hanover • Indianapolis, IN

♦ **SHIRLEY SHIELDS SMITH - \$2,000**

Amanda Jensen, BK/Drake • Tucson, AZ

ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$1,525

Ashley Hughes, N/Hanover • St. Louis, MO

♦ **SUE FARRELL SUPPLE - \$1,375**

Janice Tessier Speisman, ΔM/Rhode Island •

Scottsdale, AZ

SUZANNE NICHOLS LYNN/ATLANTA

ALUMNAE CHAPTER - \$775

Alexis Fink, ΓΔ/Georgia • Dallas, TX

THELMA THICKINS MORAN - \$825

Kristi Widdows, BG/Colorado State • Grand Junction, CO

THETA FIRST - \$5,000

Amy Bartel, ΔH/Kansas State • Manhattan, KS

Debra Cifreo, ΔK/Louisiana State • Crowley, LA

Heather Jones, ΓY/Texas Christian • Oklahoma City, OK

Allison Law, ΓΩ/Auburn • Auburn, NY

Tracie Matorian, BA/Arizona • Carson City, NV

Sara Jo Williams, BZ/Oklahoma State • El Reno, OK

♦ **THETA FIRST - \$5,000**

Lenny Marcus, ΦΔ/Stanford • San Francisco, CA

Jennifer Steen, Ω/UC Berkeley • Oakland, CA

Nicole Theriot, ΔK/Louisiana State • Nashville, TN

Kara Waugh, K/Kansas • Chicago, IL

THETA FIRST - \$2,000

Heidi Bielenberg, ΔH/Kansas State • Omaha, NE

Kelly Hayward, ΔE/Arizona State • Dallas, TX

Ann Heidiger, ΓT/Tulsa • St. Louis, MO

Jennifer Jund, ΓΦ/Texas Tech • Gatesville, TX

Corrie Klopick, A/DePauw • Fort Atkinson, WI

Nushin Kormi, ZE/Harvard-Radcliffe • Worcester, MA

♦ **THETA FIRST - \$2,000**

Dawn Strobele Morales, AΦ/Newcomb-Tulane •

San Diego, CA

Michele Stevenson, Γ/Butler • Dyer, IN

Jenna Voss, ΓY/Miami • Hinsdale, IL

Tege May, BE/Oregon State • Redmond, OR

THETA LINK - \$2,200

Lara Leniton, T/Northwestern • Clive, IA

♦ **THETA LINK - \$2,200**

Kim Neilson, ΓT/Tulsa • Ponca City, OK

♦ **VIRGINIA BLEVINS BERGER - \$775**

Kari Barber, AA/Washington • Olympia, WA

♦ **VIRGINIA BRYANT SHILSTONE - \$1,275**

Jennifer Pettit, ΔΩ/Texas A & M • Arlington, TX

♦ **VIRGINIA BURNS BOYNTON - \$1,150**

Rebecca Frankel, AE/Oregon • Medford, MA

♦ **VIRGINIA CHAIN SCHMID - \$1,350**

Amy Farha-Neary, P/Nebraska • Omaha, NE

VIRGINIA FORD HOOD - \$1,300

Amy Lehr, EM/Princeton • Norman, OK

VIRGINIA HINDMAN FREEMAN - \$1,500

Amy Broline, ΔΩ/Texas A & M • Austin, TX

VIRGINIA HINDMAN FREEMAN - \$1,500

Gayle Locke, ΓΦ/Texas Tech • Wharton, TX

VIRGINIA HINDMAN FREEMAN - \$1,500

Jenny Reese, AΘ/Texas • Beaumont, TX

♦ **VIRGINIA LAUDERDALE GRIMM - \$1,500**

Christina Villarete, ZN/UC Davis • Palos Park, IL

VIRGINIA MARTIN MCCUNE MEMORIAL - \$575

Melinda Sofen, BΠ/Michigan State • Plymouth, MI

VIRGINIA SPEIDEL EDWARDS - \$1,075

Rikki Dauer, ZE/Ohio Northern • Kalida, OH

♦ GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Fun Facts

How Much Do You Know About Theta's Alumnae?

- 1 Approximately how many living Theta alumnae are there?
 - a) 66,000
 - b) 100,000
 - c) 134,000
- 2 Approximately how many Theta alumnae chapters and clubs are there?
 - a) 200
 - b) 250
 - c) 300
- 3 How can I find out if there is an alumnae group in my area?
- 4 How can I support Theta if there is no alumnae chapter or club in my area?
- 5 How can I start an alumnae group?

ANSWERS

1. c
2. b
3. Call Headquarters, 1-800-526-1870
4. You can support Theta financially by paying the \$10 voluntary alumnae fee *(see below for more information)*
5. Contact Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator:
1-888-526-1870, ext. 107; E-mail gbrown@kappaalphatheta.org

KAΘ Alumnae Chapters

Quantity per province or country, as of August 1998

Alberta	1	England	1
British Columbia	1	Ontario	1

Choose the Future!

Support Theta by paying your annual international alumnae fee!

Simply by writing a check for \$10, you can help pay for ongoing support to chapters and clubs, new college chapter expansion, Leadership Conferences, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, Educational Leadership Consultants, and much more!

Simply by writing a check for \$10, you can help ensure that Kappa Alpha Theta will continue to offer friendship, leadership and development, and high scholarship to its members.

Simply by writing a check for \$10, you can help make the future happen.

Mail your \$10 check to KAΘ Headquarters attn: Alumnae Fee
8740 Founders Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46268

Please enclose your name, address, college chapter, and alumnae chapter/club.

Fraternity fees are not tax-deductible.

KAΘ Alumnae Chapters

Quantity per state, as of August 1998

Alabama	7
Alaska	0
Arizona	3
Arkansas	3
California	35
Colorado	7
Connecticut	2
Delaware	1
Dist. of Columbia	0
Florida	16
Georgia	5
Hawaii	1
Idaho	1
Illinois	9
Indiana	15
Iowa	4
Kansas	7
Louisiana	5
Maine	0
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	7
Minnesota	3
Mississippi	3
Missouri	3
Montana	3
Nebraska	2
Nevada	2
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	3
New Mexico	3
New York	3
North Carolina	4
North Dakota	2
Ohio	9
Oklahoma	14
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	6
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	2
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	4
Texas	39
Utah	1
Vermont	1
Virginia	5
Washington	6
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	3
Wyoming	1

Deep in the Heart



KAΘ Grand Convention 1998 ♥ Dallas

Grand Convention 1998:

★ Deep in the Heart of Texas ★

Special thanks to Nancy Dean Egan, AO/Texas, and Jenni Marks Scoggins, AO/Oklahoma, for reporting on and writing about Convention events.

From June 24 to June 28, the warmth of Theta sisterhood met the warmth of Texas hospitality. The dynamic skyscrapers of Dallas were the backdrop for more than 850 Thetas sharing ideas, learning from one another, meeting new friends, and making important decisions for the future.

Welcome Dinner

First Lady of Texas Laura Welch Bush, Beta Sigma/Southern Methodist, addressed the opening dinner of the 1998 Grand Convention; she welcomed the delegates and attendees to Texas and encouraged all to continue to make a difference in their own communities. Local Convention chairmen Susan Russell, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, and Linda Quisenberry, Alpha Theta/Texas, also welcomed delegates and thanked their committee for the hard work involved in hosting the Convention.

Table decorations composed of barbed wire kites, bandanas, boots, and horseshoes, as well as Tex-Mex food, reflected the Convention theme: Deep in the Heart of Texas.

KAΘ Foundation

The generous contributions and genuine enthusiasm of Convention attendees helped raise both dollars and friends for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in Dallas. The Foundation was proud to collect almost 700 Beanie Babies for Dallas CASA, to receive more than \$20,000 in contributions and pledges, and to present more than \$2,600 gained from the auction of celebrity-signed Beanie Babies to National CASA. The Foundation is also delighted to report that 100 percent of the delegates made contributions or pledges during Grand Convention 1998.

General Sessions

Luoluo Hong, a nationally recognized speaker on eating disorders, violence reduction, and substance abuse prevention, presented "Beautiful Bodies, Beautiful Souls: Redefining the Way We Look in the Mirror." In a witty, entertaining style, she presented serious facts about appearance and self-esteem. More than 75 percent of women are

dissatisfied with at least one part of their bodies. Between two and five percent are anorexic and more than 30 percent are bulimic. The vast majority of the women at risk are white, college-educated women who are involved with a sorority or are in athletics. Hong urged women to work together to halt this silent epidemic and to remember that inner strength is true beauty.

In just four years, "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" has become one of the nation's most successful campus programs. Although their presentation was truly hilarious at times, T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman delivered a deadly serious message about HIV and its transmittal. They also challenged their listeners to confront stereotypes and combat the ignorance that surrounds this disease.

Foundation Luncheon

Theta Gold was everywhere at the Foundation Luncheon! Kerri Strug, Beta Xi/UCLA, Olympic gold medalist, was the surprise luncheon guest. She spoke of the sisterhood and golden friendships she has gained from her Fraternity experience and urged her very attentive audience to continue to strive for greatness.

Foundation Trustee Joyce Anne Vitelli, Chi/Syracuse, announced that 71 undergraduate scholarships and 73 graduate scholarships were awarded in 1998. These scholarships represent more than \$350,000, the largest scholarship endowment of any Greek group. The Dallas Alumnae Chapter presented a check for \$10,000 to the Virginia Freedom Educator Trust Fund.

Vitelli also honored the impressive academic achievements of many Theta chapters. During the biennium, there was a 79 percent increase the number of chapters earning first place in grades on their campuses. Brown, South Dakota, Texas Tech, Kansas State, and University of Texas at Dallas earned the highest grades on their campuses every semester during the biennium.

Panhellenic Luncheon

The survival of the Greek system is a shared commitment, not just among the 26 members of the National Panhellenic Conference, but among all Greek men's and women's groups. Dr. Robert Deloian, immediate past president of

the general council of Phi Delta Theta, presented "Sharing Our Commitment—Our Future as Greeks." at the Panhellenic Luncheon.

After Dr. Deloian spoke, the college Panhellenic award was awarded to the Gamma Zeta chapter at the University of Connecticut. A special presentation was made to Lissa Bradford, Alpha Eta/ Vanderbilt, NPC Chairman.

Circle R Ranch

The scenic Circle R Ranch outside of Dallas was the setting for an evening of fun. Thetas enjoyed an authentic Texas barbecue, line dancing, rope twirling, and horseback riding.

Sisterhood Luncheon

Tables graced with ivy topiaries and pressed pansies set the mood for the beautiful Sisterhood Luncheon and Memorial Service.

Dorothy Whitehurst Heard, Alpha Theta/Texas, was recognized for her many years of service to Theta. The impressive philanthropic achievements of Lorene Burkhart, Alpha Chi/Purdue; Norma Jorgensen, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut; Emily Crosswell, Beta Beta/Randolph-Macon; and Elizabeth Townsend, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State, were honored when they received the 1998 Kappa Alpha Theta Spirit of Philanthropy Awards. Cary Miller, Alpha Mu/Missouri, and Betsy Schoenbeck, Alpha Mu/Missouri, received honorable mentions.

Beverly Levy, executive director of Dallas CASA, spoke movingly of CASA's partnership with Theta. She and Connie Ackert, president of National CASA, presented some of the many donated Beanie Babies to several children who have been helped by the CASA program in Dallas.

Procession and Final Banquet

What an impressive ceremony was the procession of the chapters, beginning with venerable Alpha and ending with brand-new Zeta Chi! Hundreds of women walking silently between rows of one another to be finally seated in a greenery-filled room.

A Final Banquet tradition was continued as Catherine Tillotson McCord,

Alpha/DePauw, was once again recognized as the Theta who has attended the most Conventions: 24.

The customary Final Banquet toasts had *heart* as the theme. President Helen Woodward, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, installed the new Grand Council and honored Barbara Willman, Gamma/Butler, retiring vice-president college. Foundation President Marilyn Lynch honored Susie Sladoje, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, and Joyce Honeyman, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State, retiring trustees.



1 Convention cochairman Susan Towne Russell, $\Gamma\Phi$ /Texas Tech; First Lady of Texas Laura Welch Bush; $\beta\Sigma$ /SMU, Dallas Mayor pro tem Mary Poss; and Convention cochairman Linda Lloyd Quisenberry, $\Lambda\Theta$ /Texas.

2 Dallas Convention Committee: (back row) Susie Woodall, Jane Rather, Kathleen Christodolou, Molly Helling, Susie Barnett; (fourth row) Kathy Spicer, Lana Prather; (third row) Frann Davis, Sharon Wooldridge; (second row) Jane Hedges, Charlene Carter; (front row) Nancy Egan, Susan Russell, Linda Quisenberry, Margaret Rule.

3 Kerri Strug, $\beta\Sigma$ /UCLA, Founders Memorial Scholar Jen Goodwin, ΓY /Miami, and Foundation President Marilyn Lynch, $\Gamma\Phi$ /Texas Tech.

4 Vice-president Extension Kathy Tonkel, H /Michigan, and Dorothy Whitehurst Heard, $\Lambda\Theta$ /Texas.



Deep in the Heart



KAΘ Grand Convention 1998 ♥ Dallas

Stars Over Texas

Theta's stars shone brightly in Dallas at the traditional awards banquet. Congratulations to these college and alumnae chapters and clubs who were awarded for their stellar performances and commitment to excellence in various categories.

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE AWARD

College Chapter

- 1st AM/Missouri
- 2nd ZY/UT Dallas

Alumnae Chapter

- 1st Fargo

ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER AWARD

Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Diego, Seattle, Tulsa, Tallahassee

COLLEGE CHAPTER PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

- 1st ΓΦ/Texas Tech
- 2nd ΔZ/Emory
- 3rd ΓY/Miami
- Honorable Mention
Δ/Illinois
ΓT/Tulsa

THE BALANCED WOMAN MEMBER EDUCATION AWARD

- 1st ΔE/Arizona State
- 2nd ΓΨ/Texas Christian
- 3rd ZM/MIT

FRATERNITY/MEMBER EDUCATION AWARD

- Chapter*
1st Chicago NW Suburban
- 2nd Portland

- 3rd Palos Verdes

Club

- 1st Sarasota
- 2nd Kokomo
- 3rd Tallahassee

ALUMNAE PROGRAMMING AWARD

Chapter

- 1st Dallas
- 2nd Omaha
- 3rd Tulsa

Club

- 1st Arlington
- 2nd South Bend
- 3rd Upstate S. Carolina

CLEMENTINE ALLEN FACILITY DIRECTOR AWARD

ΔΩ/Texas A&M

COLLEGE EFFICIENCY AWARD

With a facility

- 1st BZ/Oklahoma State
- 2nd P/Nebraska
- 3rd AM/Missouri
- Honorable Mention
AΩ/Pittsburgh

Without a facility

- 1st ZM/MIT
- 2nd ΓY/Miami
- 3rd ZO/Wake Forest

ALUMNAE EFFICIENCY AWARD

Chapter

- 1st Chicago North Shore
- 2nd Atlanta
- 3rd Nashville

Club

- 1st St. Petersburg
- 2nd San Luis Obispo-Central Coast
- 3rd El Camino Real

IMPROVEMENT IN FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AWARD

With a facility

- 1st AΦ/Newcomb-Tulane
- 2nd BN/Florida State
- 3rd ΔE/Arizona State

Without a facility

- 1st ΔΔ/Whitman
- 2nd ZH/Wofford
- 3rd ΞΞ/Harvard-Radcliffe
- Honorable Mention
M/Allegheny

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE AWARD

With a facility

- 1st B/Indiana
- 2nd BZ/Oklahoma State
- 3rd ZN/UC Davis
- Honorable Mention
K/Kansas
BA/William & Mary
ΔI/Puget Sound

Without a facility

- 1st AE/Brown
- 2nd ZM/MIT

ALUMNAE FOUNDATION RECOGNITION

Albuquerque, Lexington, Phoenix, Spokane, Naples-Marco Island

COLLEGE SERVICE AWARD

- 1st AM/Missouri
- 2nd ZP/UC San Diego
- 3rd K/Kansas
- Honorable Mention
AΦ/Newcomb-Tulane
BZ/Oklahoma State
ΔΩ/Texas A&M

ALUMNAE SERVICE AWARD

Chapter

- 1st Denver
- 2nd Phoenix
- 3rd Bloomington
- Club*
1st Upstate S. Carolina
- 2nd Ventura County
- 3rd Monterey County, Knoxville

COLLEGE CASA AWARD

- 1st K/Kansas
- 2nd BN/Florida State

- 3rd ΓT/Tulsa
- Honorable Mention
ΓΨ/Texas Christian
ΓΦ/Texas Tech

ALUMNAE CASA AWARD

Chapter

- 1st Indianapolis
- 2nd Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill
- 3rd Yakima
- Club*
1st Corpus Christi
- 2nd Stillwater
- 3rd Naples-Marco Island

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMING AWARD

- 1st ZN/UC Davis
- 2nd BZ/Oklahoma State
- 3rd ΞΞ/Ohio Northern
- Honorable Mention
BA/William & Mary
BII/Michigan State

MOST IMPROVED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- 1st T/Northwestern
- 2nd ΓΠ/Iowa State
- 3rd EI/Westminster
- Honorable Mention
BN/Florida State
ZN/UC Davis

HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP

- 1st ΓΦ/Texas Tech
- 2nd ΔH/Kansas State
- 3rd AP/South Dakota
- Honorable Mention
AE/Brown
P/Nebraska
AM/Missouri
BΦ/Penn State
BZ/Oklahoma State
ΔE/Arizona State

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- 1st ΞΞ/Harvard-Radcliffe
- 2nd ZM/MIT

RITUAL APPRECIATION AWARD

With a facility

- 1st ΓN/N. Dakota State
- 2nd A/DePauw
- 3rd ΓΨ/Texas Christian
- Honorable Mention
B/Indiana
AM/Missouri
AX/Purdue
BΓ/Colorado State
BZ/Oklahoma State
ΓT/Tulsa
ΔE/Arizona State

Without a facility

- 1st ZP/UC San Diego
- 2nd ZM/MIT
- 3rd ZN/UC Davis
- Honorable Mention
 - ΔΣ/Ball State
 - ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
 - ZH/Wofford

IMPROVEMENT IN MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

- 1st ΓT/Tulsa
- 2nd AE/Brown
- 3rd ΔΣ/Ball State
- Honorable Mention
 - AP/South Dakota
 - EP/Lehigh

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP SELECTION AWARD

- 1st ΔΩ/Texas A&M
- 2nd ΔZ/Emory
- 3rd BN/Florida State

- Honorable Mention
 - BZ/Oklahoma State
 - ΔΘ/Florida
 - ΕΣ/UC Irvine

COLLEGE PΑNHΕΛΛΕNIC AWARD

- 1st ΓT/Tulsa
- 2nd P/Nebraska
- 3rd BN/Florida State

ALUMNAE PΑNHΕΛΛΕNIC AWARD

Albuquerque, Annapolis, Oklahoma City, Seattle, Waco, Yakima

BEST SUPPORT TO A COLLEGE CHAPTER

- Theta College Town*
- 1st New Orleans
- 2nd Plano
- 3rd Pittsburgh
- San Luis Obispo-Central Coast

Non-Theta College Town

- 1st Portland
- 2nd Oklahoma City
- Houston Northwest
- 3rd Memphis
- Spokane

ALUMNAE RELATIONS AWARD

- 1st ΖΣ/Ohio Northern
- 2nd ZM/MIT
- 3rd ΓN/N. Dakota State
- Honorable Mention
 - Ω/UC Berkeley
 - BK/Drake

ADVISORY BOARD AWARD

- 1st BZ/Oklahoma State
- 2nd ΓΦ/Texas Tech
- 3rd Y/Minnesota
- Honorable Mention
 - AM/Missouri
 - BA/William & Mary
 - ΔE/Arizona State
 - ΔΩ/Texas A&M
 - ZN/UC Davis
 - ZP/UC San Diego

MOST IMPROVED ALUMNAE CHAPTER

New Orleans

MOST IMPROVED ALUMNAE CLUB

Tucson

RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD

- 1st ΔΩ/Texas A&M
- 2nd ΔΘ/Florida
- 3rd ΓΨ/Texas Christian
- Honorable Mention
 - ZO/Wake Forest

BEST NEW ALUMNAE GROUP

South Hampton Roads

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- 1st AΘ/Texas
- 2nd ZO/Wake Forest

- 3rd ΕΣ/UC Irvine
- Honorable Mention
 - ΔI/Puget Sound

THETA 2000

- 1st Kansas City
- 2nd Denver
- 3rd Atlanta

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Fargo

FORWARD AWARD

- With a facility*
- 1st ΔE/Arizona State
- 2nd A/DePauw
- 3rd ΔZ/Emory
- Honorable Mention
 - ΓT/Tulsa
- Without a facility*
- ΓY/Miami

TWIN STARS AWARDS

Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago Northwest Suburban, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Houston, Houston Northwest, Indianapolis, Nashville, Oklahoma City, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, San Diego, San Luis Obispo-Central Coast, Sarasota

ALUMNAE GOLDEN KITE AWARDS

Bloomington, Chicago North Shore, Dayton, Fairfield County, Upstate S. Carolina

COLLEGE GOLDEN KITE AWARDS

K/Kansas, P/Nebraska, AM/Missouri, AP/South Dakota, AX/Purdue, BZ/Oklahoma State, BA/William & Mary, BN/Florida State, ΓN/North Dakota State, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, ΓΨ/Texas Christian, ΔΔ/Whitman, ΔI/Puget Sound, ΔΩ/Texas A&M, ΕΣ/UC Irvine, ZN/UC Davis

ALUMNAE FOUNDERS AWARD

Seattle

COLLEGE FOUNDERS AWARD

BZ/Oklahoma State



The Kappa Chapter was honored with three Convention awards.

The Awards Banquet celebrated achievements of alumnae groups and college chapters.



Deep in the Heart of Theta

by Jennifer Goodwin, ΓΨ/Miami

Editor's note: This devotional was delivered at a business session on Saturday, July 27. There were many requests for copies, so we are reprinting it with the author's permission.

Good morning, Thetas. I just got back from Brazil earlier this week, and one of my greatest trials was in regard to whom to buy gifts for. Of course, if I could buy the world some peace with a little bit of Theta love on the side, then I would!

I know that most often it is actions that are truly the most cherished gifts of all. So in pondering what I could possibly say to such a diverse, talented, and very special group of women, I found myself wanting to give you all a gift as well. With my limited pockets, I had to think of something intangible ... a gift of this very moment right now.

As you take in that next deep breath, look around you and take in this gift of the possibility for women from all over the world to get together at this very moment knowing that each will leave quite different from when we first stepped out of the plane, car, or train. I wanted to share something with you all about love, perseverance, and faith.

In Mitch Albom's inspiring true story, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, which centers around the lesson in life he received from his dying professor, Mitch asks, "Have you ever really had a teacher? One who saw you as a raw but precious thing, a jewel that, with wisdom, could be polished to a proud shine? If you are lucky enough to find your way back to such teachers, you will always find your way back. Sometimes it is only in your head; sometimes it is right alongside their beds."

I was lucky enough to have such a teacher. A couple of months ago, my high school English teacher died after a five-year battle with terminal cancer. Marilee was and continues to be an integral part of my life, not only as an inspiring teacher, but also as a mentor, a coach, a guardian, and a best friend. To me and those around her, she defined what it means to persevere.

Her strong faith and her zest to live each day to the fullest continue to serve as an inspiration to me. Marilee always encouraged me to devote myself to loving others, to devote myself to my community and to the world around me in a quest to live a complete and fulfilling life. Above all, she taught me to embrace each day as if it were precious gift to do with whatever I chose, and to realize that with every sunset, a day had gone by in which I learned more about myself, others, and the world.

You never stop learning. You never stop growing. Even the ancient sequoia continues to grow from the nurturing sun and

rain. Let the warmth of Theta love help you always to grow and to embrace life. I hope that all of your experiences here at Grand Convention have inspired you to better yourselves, your chapters, your communities, and the world.

To be a Theta is to gaze into a meadow filled with wildflowers, unique, beautiful, each expressing her own individuality, yet sharing the same roots. I ask you now to please join hands with those next to you and to close your eyes and to feel how easily these roots intertwine.

And if you can last long enough like that, I ask you to remain intertwined as I end with my favorite poem, written by Robert J. Hastings. As my teacher Marilee would attest, in its words lie the gift of what it means to truly live each day to the fullest.

The Station

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the window we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at crossings, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day, at a certain hour, we will pull into the Station. Bands will be playing and flags will be waving. Once we get there, so many wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a complete jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles damning the minutes for loitering. Waiting, waiting, waiting for the Station.

"When we reach the Station, that will be it," we cry. When I turn 21, when I get that new car, when I've finished college, when I've paid off the mortgage, when I've reached the age of retirement.... It is then that I shall live happily ever after.

Sooner or later, we must realize that there is no Station. No one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The Station is only a dream.

Relish the moment is a motto. It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are the twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead climb more mountains. Go barefoot more often. Swim more rivers. Watch more sunsets. Laugh more. Cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The Station will come soon enough.

Remember the chain that binds us, linked heart to heart. ■

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PRESIDENT HELEN EDWARDS WOODWARD, ALPHA OMICRON/

OKLAHOMA, begins her second term at the head of the Fraternity. Under her leadership, Grand Convention 1998 was a wonderful Theta celebration: informative, educational, fun, and well-received. Since 1987, Helen Woodward has served on Grand Council as vice-president membership, vice-president college, and vice-president development.

Her community involvement includes the Junior League of Oklahoma City; Assistance League of Norman, Okla.; Medical Auxillary; PEO; and the board of directors of the Cimarron Circuit Opera Company.

VICE-PRESIDENT COLLEGE LINDA BECK PIELOW, GAMMA MU/MARYLAND,

began her Grand Council service as vice-president education in 1996. Under her leadership, the first Regional Leadership Conferences were held.

Pieplow also served for ten years as college district president and college regional director. She has been a member of the Washington, DC/Suburban Maryland Alumnae Chapter, and she has been on the advisory board and the facility corporation for the Gamma Mu Chapter.

Currently a middle-school teacher, Pieplow is also active in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.



2000 Grand Council

VICE-PRESIDENT ALUMNAE MARTHA TAYLOR JONES, ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA, continues in this office for the next biennium. Before beginning her Council service, she was an alumnae district president and an alumnae regional director and served as a member of the structure task force and the Theta 2000 committee. Jones has been active in the Houston Alumnae Chapter as president and vice-president and on the board of the Theta Charity Antiques Show.

Jones has worked in education and marketing. In addition to Theta, her volunteer attention has been directed toward Texas Children's Hospital, the Symphony Society, and the Houston Heritage Society.

VICE-PRESIDENT EXTENSION KATHY TONKEL, ETA/MICHIGAN, continues in this office, although her former title was vice-president development. The new designation more accurately reflects the Fraternity's efforts to add more chapters to its rolls. Previously, Tonkel served as vice-president alumnae for two terms, as well as alumnae district president and director of alumnae programming.

She has worked as a medical building manager and clinic facility coordinator for a 24-hour medical facility and also served as patient/physician/staff liaison to administration. In the various communities in which she has lived, Tonkel has

been on several PTAs and Junior Leagues. In New York City, she volunteered as an English teacher at the United Nations East Side International Center.

VICE-PRESIDENT EDUCATION CAROL OLSON LARSEN, GAMMA NU/NORTH DAKOTA STATE, is new to her position. She previously served on the Development Committee as director of extension, on the Membership Committee as director of resources, and on Grand Council as vice-president membership in 1992 and 1993. She was also a member of the team that recolonized the Upsilon Chapter at Minnesota.

Larsen holds degrees in speech/communication and secondary education; she is a member of the Women's Club of Minneapolis and of the Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church.

VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE MARY JANE PARKER BEACH, BETA NU/FLORIDA STATE, continues in this office for the biennium. Her prior Fraternity experience includes serving as finance regional director, college district president, advisory board chairman, and finance adviser.

Beach holds an MBA and is assistant vice-president for finance and university services and director of business services for the University of Iowa. She is involved with her church and with the Mercy

Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees.

VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP PEGGY JO COOK COKER, BETA EPSILON/OREGON STATE, also continues in this position. Under her direction, the Membership Committee has provided rush assistance and ideas to college chapters in a variety of forums.

Coker was previously a college district president and a membership regional director. She has been active in the Houston Alumnae Chapter and is a charter member of the Houston NW Alumnae Chapter.

Coker spent several years teaching elementary school; she now manages the finances for her husband's periodontal practice. She is active in the Junior League, the Houston Junior Forum, the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum, and the National Charity League.

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT MARILYN CHESHER LYNCH, GAMMA PHI/TEXAS TECH serves as an ex officio member of Grand Council without a vote. Prior to becoming president of the Foundation in 1992, she served the Fraternity as director of alumnae rush personnel, as alumnae district president, and as director of colonizations and installations.

Lynch's community involvement has included PEO, Houston Junior Forum, and the Anna K. Chase Foundation. ■



KAΘ Grand Convention 1998 ♥ Dallas





UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI:

A NEW HOME FOR KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Kappa Alpha Theta has accepted an invitation to install a new college chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss.

In April 1998, a Fraternity presentation team participated in an activity-packed extension weekend on USM's campus.

"Together Theta" formal presentations to the Panhellenic Extension Committee, administration, fraternities, and sororities were scheduled around campus receptions and meetings which facilitated sharing Kappa Alpha Theta's story.

Our extension team was charmed by Southern's warm hospitality, neo-classic architecture, a rapidly expanding student body, significant expansion of facilities on campus, and growing academic reputation.

Last spring, we recruited twenty-three members to begin the charter class of the colony which will be installed as the Zeta Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

This fall, we are involved in a two-pronged recruitment effort:

AUGUST 1998: Kappa Alpha Theta participated in the first two rounds of formal Panhellenic rush at USM followed by Kappa Alpha Theta's own membership recruitment week. We hosted an Open House in our beautiful, newly decorated chapter room in the Panhellenic residence hall on August 24. Two

days of interviewing prospective members culminated in a lovely pledging ceremony of twenty-eight more new members of the charter class.

OCTOBER 1998: A Fraternity colonization team returned to USM for the second phase of the recruitment process. Several days of interviewing, followed by pledging, completed the charter class.

Initiation of our charter class and installation of the Zeta Psi chapter will be held in November. Zeta Psi will be the 125th college chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Welcome, Zeta Psi! ■



above USM installation team included Kathy Tonkel, VP extension; Carol Larsen, VP education; Marilyn Huseby, recolonization specialist; Peggy Jo Coker, VP membership; Karen Ledbetter, ADP.

top Brand-new Thetas of the Zeta Psi Chapter.



Chapter Officers

Plan now for Leadership Conference in January & February 1999!



Finance • Recruitment • Leadership • Programming

Registration materials will be sent in October

Thank You, Volunteers



Congratulations to the following permanent alumnae secretaries and state/province chairmen who recently received awards for service. A permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) maintains records of all initiated members of a given chapter, while a state/province chairman (SC) maintains records of all initiated members living within her given area. In this way, these officers of the Fraternity help ensure that each alumna remains in touch with Kappa Alpha Theta.

State/Province Chairmen:

25 YEARS

Charlotte Curtis Eastland -
Southern California

20 YEARS

Marion Hamilton Fischer -
District of Columbia

Mary Martison Engdahl -
Nebraska

15 YEARS

Pattie McGowan Black - Hawaii
Carol Bandelin Edmier - Illinois

10 YEARS

Angela Harrington Norton -
Northern California

Anne Lesperance Utter - Nevada
Elaine Johnson Luedman -
Wisconsin

Permanent Alumnae Secretaries:

25 YEARS

Catherine Hogan Love
ΓΣ/San Diego State

20 YEARS

Ellen Edith Warthen
ΔΖ/Emory

15 YEARS

Kathleen Tyler Nitschke
ΑΘ/Texas

Joan Howard Burgess
ΒΑ/William & Mary

10 YEARS

Marcia Erickson Weber
ΑΧ/Purdue

Susan Green Hager
ΒΖ/Oklahoma State

CHAPTERS NEEDING PERMANENT ALUMNAE SECRETARIES:

Ψ/Wisconsin

ΑΚ/Adelphi

ΒΤ/Denison

ΖΧ/Johns Hopkins



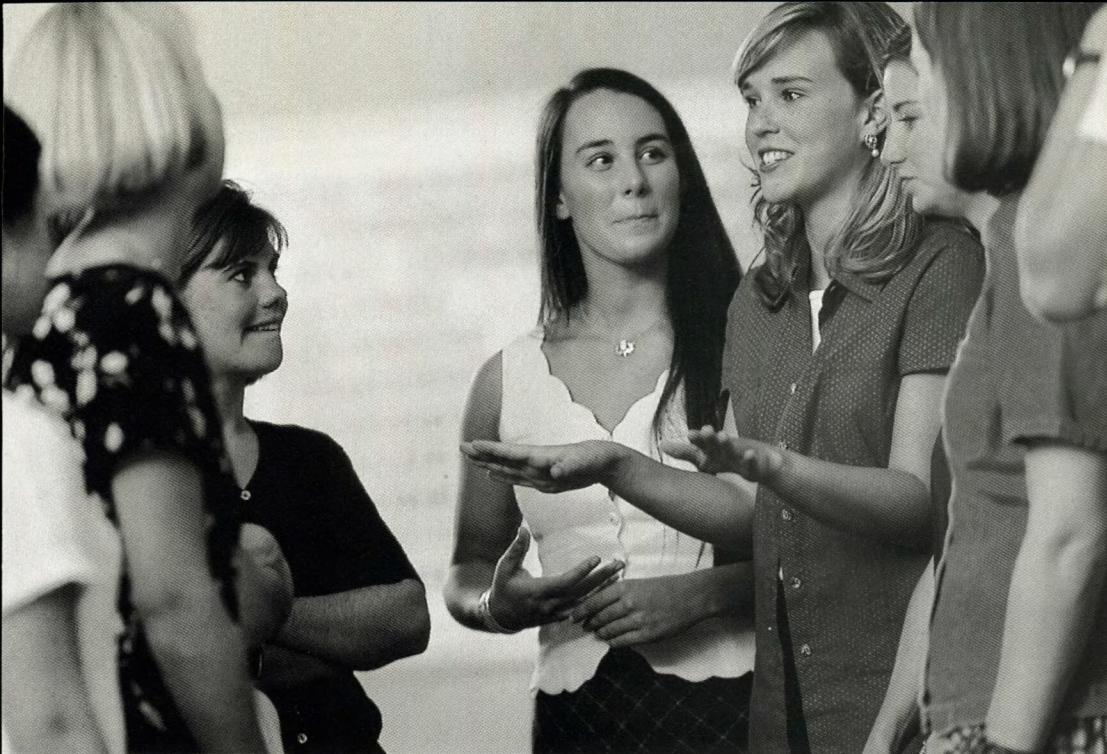
MOVING? NEW PHONE? NAME CHANGE?

**This year KΑΘ will spend more than \$6,000 to receive
address corrections from the US Postal Service!**

If you have a change, please let Theta know! You may call, write, or E-mail:

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 *ΓΣ/San Diego State
 *ΓΤ/Tulsa
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 *ΔΕ/Arizona State
 ΔΖ/Emory
 ΔΗ/Kansas State
 *ΔΘ/Florida
 ΔΙ/Puget Sound

Rush Results

Congratulations to the following chapters that pledged quota during the 1997 - 1998 academic year. Quota was achieved either in bid matching during formal rush or through continuous open bidding (COB).

(* Indicates those chapters that pledged 40 percent or more of the Theta legacies who participated in their respective school's rush. **Boldface** indicates those chapters pledging 100 percent of Theta legacies participating in rush.)

A/DePauw
 B/Indiana
 Γ/Butler
 Δ/Illinois
 K/Kansas
 Γ^Δ/Ohio Wesleyan
 M/Alleghany
 N/Hanover
 Ξ/Wesleyan
 P/Nebraska
 T/Northwestern
Φ/Pacific
 X/Syracuse
 Ψ/Wisconsin
 Φ^Δ/Stanford
 ΑΓ/Ohio State
 ΑΗ/Vanderbilt
 ΑΘ/Texas
 ΑΛ/Washington
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 *ΒΚ/Drake
 *ΒΛ/William & Mary
 ΒΝ/Florida State
 ΒΞ/UCLA
 ΒΟ/Iowa
 *ΒΠ/Michigan State
 ΒΡ/Duke
 ΒΣ/SMU
 ΒΦ/Penn State
 *ΒΧ/Alberta
 ΒΩ/Colorado College
 ΓΔ/Georgia

ΔΚ/Louisiana State
 ΔΣ/Ball State
 ΔΥ/Eastern Kentucky
 ΔΦ/Clemson
 ΔΧ/Virginia
 *ΔΩ/Texas A&M
 ΕΕ/Baylor
 ΕΖ/Mississippi
 ΕΑ/Dickinson
 ΕΡ/Lehigh
 *ΕΣ/UC Irvine
 ΕΤ/Yale
 *ΕΥ/Columbia

ΕΩ/Washington & Jefferson
 *ΕΘ/Cal Poly
 ΖΑ/Charleston
 ΖΞ/Harvard-Radcliffe
 ΖΡ/UC San Diego
ΖΣ/Ohio Northern
 *ΖΦ/Pepperdine
 ΖΧ/Johns Hopkins

Other chapters pledging 40 percent or more of the Theta legacies who participated in their respective school's rush.

ΑΡ/South Dakota
 ΑΥ/Washburn
 ΑΨ/Lawrence
 ΕΙ/Westminster
ΕΟ/Randolph-Macon
ΖΜ/MIT
 ΖΝ/UC Davis

You Spoke; We Listened!

The Autumn 1997 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* included a reader survey about extension, which is the process of adding more chapters to the Fraternity's roll. We want our extension efforts to reflect our members' views! Following are your ideas about Theta's extension efforts.

Q What colleges and universities without Theta chapters are young women (your daughters, sisters, relatives, friends, daughters of friends) attending?

A Alma
Bethany College
Birmingham Southern
Boston University
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Northridge
Central Michigan
Central Washington
Chapman College
Chico State
Claremont College
Denver University
DePaul
Earlham
Eastern Michigan
Eastern Washington
George Washington University
Georgia Southern
Georgia Tech
Georgetown
Gonzaga University
Grinnell
Hillsdale
Hope
Illinois Wesleyan
James Madison
Kennesaw State
Kenyon
Knox College
Longwood
Luther College
Marquette University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State

North Texas State University
Notre Dame
Oglethorpe University
Old Dominion
Pomona College
Presbyterian
Rhodes College
San Francisco State
Santa Clara University
Sewanee
Southwestern
Southwest Texas State University
Stephen F. Austin State University
St. Louis University
Stephens College
Towson State University
Trinity University
UC Santa Cruz
UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Davidson
UNC Wilmington
University of Arkansas
University of Louisville
University of Memphis
University of Northern Iowa
University of San Francisco
University of the South
University of South Florida
University of Southwestern Louisiana
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of West Alabama
University of West Florida
West Georgia
West Virginia University
Western Michigan
Western Washington
Whitworth University

Your total campus listing is now in our extension database, and it will be a factor in future colonization decisions. When a campus becomes available for extension, we will access your input to determine Theta alumnae interest.

Q What factors do you think are important in choosing colonization sites?

When evaluating campuses as possible future colonization sites, we consider geography, the campus profile, and Greek strength. When deciding whether or not to make a presentation at a school, we consider geography and the campus profile again. We also take into account the student profile, alumnae profile, the Greek profile, administration support, and support from Thetas in the area.

A Your surveys told us that the following questions are important as well.

- Does the school have high academic requirements?
- What is the size of the school?
- What is the status of the Greek system?
- Are there other Theta chapters nearby?
- Is a strong Panhellenic in place?
- Are there strong sororities already on campus?
- Does the school have a good reputation?
- Does the school's Greek system have a positive reputation?
- Are the existing sororities filling quota?
- Is there a group of women on campus interested in Theta membership?
- Is the school population primarily residential or commuter?
- Does the school currently lack support systems for academically inclined women?
- Is the city/town surrounding the school in accord with the Greek system?
- Is there a local sorority to be absorbed?

Q What ideas do you have for filling a colony advisory board and facility corporation board in an area with few Theta alumnae?

- A**
- It takes only a few, if they are hard-working, committed, and will make the time!
 - Allow recent graduates to assist. We need to make people aware that this can be done.
 - Advertise in local newspapers. Contact the area Panhellenic.
 - Find very active Theta alumnae who are able to keep in close contact but, because of distance, may not be able to make as many personal visits.
 - Limit the number of adults specially initiated just to serve on advisory boards. How can they advise if they weren't college Thetas?
 - Initiate interested, qualified alumnae.
 - Qualified, non-Theta university staff or alumnae who want to join Theta and advise the colony should be initiated.
 - Use the website to locate area women.
 - Ask a nearby college chapter to adopt the new chapter and help them get on their feet.

Q Please share any experiences that you may have had with colonies.

- A**
- I am thrilled to be advising Zeta Upsilon. It has renewed my Theta spirit and excitement.

continued

By Kathy Bennett Tonkel,
H/Michigan,
vice president extension, &
Carol Olson Larsen,
ΓN/N. Dakota State,
former director of extension



Place it over your heart with pride!

National Panhellenic Badge Day March 1, 1999

• My chapter was colonized two years before I pledged. It was a dying local club that in four years built itself into a rush competitor. The traveling consultants were great.
• Make sure the alumnae are willing and have knowledge of information about purchasing property, the rules and codes of the city and university, etc.

Q What do you see as the pros and cons of housed chapters versus non-housed chapters?

A PROS:

- There are better and closer relationships when people live together.
- I loved not living in the house. We stayed closer because we were not together 24 hours a day.
- Houses build communities. There is a sense of belonging and constant sharing.
- A house provides a central meeting place, a place to gather and get to know one another, a place to visit when they return as alumnae, a private place to hold ritual ceremonies, and a home to share with their sisters.
- I think the Greek system is stronger on campuses whose groups have houses.
- Our chapter suite was in a dorm, so we were able to live with independents and other sorority girls, which I loved!
- Houses provide storage space and privacy for ritual and paraphernalia, as well as a place to belong.
- Living together promotes closer sisterhood.

- House chapters promote a higher level of participation and better relationships.
- Non-housed chapters have a better quality bonding experience because members don't necessarily see one another every day. We had quality time when everybody would be together and make the effort to get as much out of the experience as possible. We were a tight group.
- Non-housed chapters integrate into the university community well.

CONS:

- It is very tough to communicate information when there is no meeting place (house).
- Houses are expensive to maintain.
- Cliques tend to develop in chapter houses. It's hard living with people who may not be ideal roommates and it's difficult to not have any privacy.
- Chapter houses can put financial burdens on members.
- Maintaining a house is expensive. Living in a house may isolate members from other Greek and independent students.
- Maintaining a house is a big responsibility.

Q Does (or did) your Theta chapter have a house?

A Yes: 56 percent

Q Does (or did) your chapter have a suite?

A Yes: 19 percent

Q Does (or did) your chapter have a lodge?

A Yes: 7 percent

Q Did you live in your chapter facility?

A Yes: 50 percent

Thank you for your responses. We are bound by NPC guidelines and cannot actively approach campuses, but with your help, we can be prepared when opportunities arise.

It's never too late to express your views! Please contact us at any time with ideas, good campus prospects, etc. You may contact:

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Suddenly at Seventy

It takes a flexible and active state of mind for a person to shift dramatically what she does with her life.

Trudy Guinn Carney, Alpha Mu/Missouri, who had followed the traditional path of marriage and motherhood, really got going when she retired at 72. Most people could not have predicted the richness of her life and the sometimes unconventionality of her interests when she found herself with time on her hands.

Of course, in hindsight, we might have seen it coming. As a college student in the late 1930s and early '40s, Mom heard about the Civil Air Patrol Program and learned to fly—something not done by many women of that era. During World War II, she ran the Tulsa, Okla., office of Continental Airlines where she met and fell in love with Second Lieutenant George Carney. They married and had three daughters, including me.

The next fifty years of Mom's life typified that of most middle-American women. (At this point, I can hear my father ask, "But what about Thailand?" Well, OK, the family lived in Bangkok for three years in the 1960s, but that was his choice, and this story is about her choices.) So none of us expected that when Mom retired from her job as secretary and telephone operator at a community college, she would become a bit of an anomaly.

At her retirement party, the thing Mom wanted most was to ride on her boss's Harley-Davidson motorcycle. How cute. How could he refuse? She put on his black leather jacket, and they terrorized the neighborhood. That should have been another clue about what might lie ahead.

To be honest, all us girls wondered how it would go once Mom retired. She had always been in the harness: a draft horse at home and in the workplace. For a brief time we were justified in our concern. Suddenly, she had nothing to do. She became apathetic and listless. We were concerned. But water finds its own level, and it was the same for



Trudy Carney, AM/Missouri, at the Valley of Fire in Wyoming.

Mom. She went through a metamorphosis. Upon emerging from her cocoon, it seems she had discarded the old self-expectations and decided to do what she wanted to do.

She got involved. Her schedule exhausts us. She now volunteers regularly at the Sacramento Zoo, a home for troubled kids, a local summer theater, and other miscellaneous ventures. She takes a water aerobics class three times a week, sings in her church choir and takes on extra duty as a deacon, has monthly get-togethers with two bridge groups and a lady-friend group, "The Hanging Baskets." (Don't ask.) But what impresses me most is that two years ago, at age seventy-six, she took up camping and loves it.

The kind of camping to which I refer is not the mobile home variety. I am talking about the tents, daypacks, hike on trails, sleep in sleeping bags, cook on campstove type of camping. Mom goes anywhere and has a ball. I took her camping for the first time to the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. It was the end of the season, and the temperature was in the mid-teens at night. Emerging from a tent to face the frost and below-freezing weather to answer nature's call in the middle of the night is not for the timid. For Mom, no problem. This year, we camped in the canyon lands of southwestern Utah. She pitched the

tent, collected wood for the fire, and cleaned up in a pan of water. No matter the circumstances, she never complains. On the contrary, she loves the novelty of new places and experiences.

I love to hike with her. Her step is slower than when she was younger, but we hike trails many twenty-year-olds wouldn't tackle. I walk behind her and watch the faces of the people we pass. They look twice at this grandma who has just descended trails that left them huffing. She gets admiring looks and compliments. There are not many like her.

Mom has discovered her love of nature: the scenery, the wildlife, and camp life. We have our cocoa at night around the campfire. She admires the stars. She says she enjoys the rigors of camp life and the beautiful scenery. It is good to feel really cold only to crawl into a sleeping bag and warm it to perfection. Life's contrasts are enriching. Mom adores being out.

We'll go camping again next year. We have a few months to plan. I imagine she has in mind some places to go. She can go almost anywhere. Heck, she'll be only 79. I have a feeling that if she had only known herself a little better when she was young, she might have chosen a very different and much more unconventional life. As it is, she causes quite a stir when she comes down the mountain.

By Diane Carney

Sue Lockett Leads a Growing Army of Volunteers for Children

by Susan Stephan Holloway, ITI/Iowa State

In a system currently dealing with more than 460,000 abused, abandoned, or neglected children nationwide, is there anyone who cares about a little girl in foster care who is in desperate need of orthodontia work?

Yes—according to Sue Lockett, Alpha Upsilon/Washburn—there is a CASA volunteer.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) became Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy in 1989 and recruits, trains, and supervises some 42,000 volunteers who speak up for abused and neglected children in court. There are programs—710 in all—in each of the 50 states and in Washington, DC.

Lockett herself was recently named the 1998 National CASA Program Director of the Year. "I'm always amazed at what volunteers are able to accomplish," she says. "In this case,

because the orthodontics work was an issue of self-esteem, not a medical issue, the state could not pay for it. But the child's CASA volunteer said, 'This kid needs it,' and went trotting in the door of an orthodontist she knew personally. There was an astonishing turnaround in the child, in terms of how she felt about herself. Volunteers can get great things done."

So can Lockett, who has been executive director of CASA of Shawnee County, Kan., since it was founded 11 years ago. She is known and respected for her remarkable ability to innovatively navigate the labyrinthine systems of child welfare and juvenile justice in order to be a strong advocate for children in Shawnee County and across Kansas.

"There are lots of obstacles," admits Lockett. "But I don't give up easily. I just find a way to go around. If Plan A doesn't work, I have Plan B."



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"Sue has special skills in seeing a problem and solving it," says Shawnee County CASA Advisory Board member Marjorie Schnacke, Kappa/Kansas, in a letter nominating Lockett for the CASA award. "She has knowledge of where to go in the community for partnerships and funding resources and is able to find a way for cooperation to bring about the desired outcome. She is always looking out for the children."

Lockett's "extraordinary dedication to children" was recognized at National CASA's annual conference May 31. Foundation vice-president Joyce Honeyman, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State, who serves on the National CASA Board, presented the Program Director of the Year Award, which is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta. Says Honeyman, "This is the first time a Theta has received this award. It was extremely rewarding to present it to Sue, a Theta sister. And for Sue—who was instrumental in linking National CASA with Kappa Alpha Theta when the Foundation was exploring a new philanthropy—this must seem like coming full circle."

Lockett graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., in 1960 with a degree in elementary education. Since then, she has maintained a focus on children. When she quit teaching full time in 1969, her focus moved to her own two children, as well as to an abundance of volunteer work. She says this work best prepared her for CASA and prompted her husband, a member of the Kansas Supreme Court, to kindly kid her about being a "professional do-gooder."

As a board member of Kansas Action for Children, a statewide advocacy group, Lockett became involved in promoting CASA programs. After moving from Wichita to Topeka in 1983, Lockett wrote a grant for the local Junior League to do a feasibility study to determine if Shawnee County would support the CASA concept. Lockett

SUE LOCKETT, AY/WASHBURN (*second from right*) accepts the 1998 CASA Program Director of the Year Award from **NANCY FRICK, A/DEPAUW**, executive director of the Foundation; **JOYCE HONEYMAN, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**, Foundation vice-president; and **MARILYN LYNCH, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**, Foundation president.

monitored the progress of the effort, which resulted in a Health and Human Services grant that was matched by the League and, ultimately, a plan to hire a CASA director. "My children were hitting college age and I was thinking about going back to work full-time, so I applied," says Lockett. "I wanted to pursue my interest in children as a profession, but I didn't want to be contained within the classroom"

During Lockett's 11 years of leadership, the Shawnee County CASA program has evolved from a staff of one ("When I started, I was it!" says Lockett, laughing.) to ten. The program has gone from having no office to having an office brimming with the activity of staff and numerous volunteers who serve an average of 250 children per month through Shawnee County's basic CASA program, Children In Need of Care.

In addition to supervising volunteers, administrating, promoting, seeking funding and working with a board and advisory board for the county's "traditional CASA program," Lockett oversees a number of programs that she has initiated because she saw needs that weren't being filled.

In 1990, she started the Domestic Program, in response to a group of attorneys who were concerned about the children they saw in contested divorce cases. "We were seeing lots of kids in juvenile court whose problems were stemming from divorce," says Lockett. "So we thought 'OK, if we can do some investigation in terms of placement of the children in divorces, perhaps the kid won't get into situations where they are abused.'"

SafeTalk and Kids in Court are two more programs Lockett established in 1993. They enable children to "tell their story" in a homelike setting, as well as provide volunteers who familiarize child witnesses with courtroom procedures and advocates to accompany children during time in court. Explains Lockett, "When a child reports abuse, he or she may be interviewed 14 or 15 times by different people. It's pretty traumatic to say the truth once, let alone 14 times. This was the impetus in getting SafeTalk started: to reduce the trauma. The same volunteer who is at a Safe Talk interview, which is videotaped, follows through if the child has to be a witness. Consistent support for

As an alumna of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn and as executive director of CASA for Shawnee County, Sue Lockett is committed to both Kappa Alpha Theta and CASA. She alerted the National CASA Association when the Foundation was seeking a new philanthropy, and she secured a letter of endorsement for CASA from then-US Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Kappa/Kansas. In 1989, National CASA was adopted as Theta's philanthropy.

CASA volunteers—trained in courtroom procedures, social services, the juvenile justice system, and the special needs of abused and neglected children—are appointed by judges to speak up for children in court. With the information the volunteers provide, judges are able to make timely, informed decisions as to what is best for each individual child.

Sue Lockett has made a difference. You can too.

You can get involved with CASA by becoming a CASA volunteer or by supporting your local community CASA program. There are now 710 CASA programs (sometimes also known at the local level as Guardian ad Litem, Child Advocates, Voices for Children, or ProKids) across the US.

For more information about CASA, contact:

Kappa Alpha Theta
1-800-526-1870

E-mail info@KappaAlphaTheta.org

National CASA Association
1-800-628-3233.

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8740 Founders Rd.
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the child through the process keeps the system from retraumatizing the child."

Lockett also has been involved in overseeing the Shawnee County Citizen Review Boards, in which trained board members hear cases of Children In Need of Care and make recommendations to judges, which are put into court orders.

"Sue has proven herself as a leader with the innovative programs established at CASA," writes Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall. "Her willingness to be innovative and establish programs on behalf of children has proven to be beneficial for the Shawnee County community. But more important, these programs have created an awareness to expand these types of programs statewide."

Lockett's continually expanding influence for CASA throughout the state of Kansas has moved her beyond the boundaries of a typical CASA program director. The founder of the Kansas CASA Association, she also served as its president for two years, helped develop state standards for the CASA program used by the Kansas Supreme Court, and has served on a number of state committees, including the Foster Care Lawsuit Committee, of which she is chairman.

Despite her wide-ranging duties, Lockett says she purposely continues to work directly with local volunteers not only because it keeps her in touch with what's happening in the program, but because she believes that volunteers are the key to CASA's effectiveness.

"CASA volunteers work one on one. They're not tied to anything, such as state resources, so they really can speak for the child and what is in the best interests of the child. If the resources aren't there, they'll go find them. It has to be a personal thing."

Lockett believes that the personal connection also makes volunteers very powerful in creating community awareness of the problems of abuse and neglect. "Because of the necessarily confidential nature of juvenile court, many people aren't aware of what happens to kids and don't realize how bad the system can be. CASA volunteers deal with these kids directly, and they raise money and work at events. They deliver the message that abuse and

neglect need to be prevented and addressed by the community. They're a growing, marching army that is bringing awareness."

According to Lockett, that army is needed now more than ever as the number of children coming into the court system continues to increase. "We increase the program, but, unfortunately, the number of kids increases at the same time. Last year there was a 10 to 15 percent increase in filings in our county. It's hard to get ahead, even though this is a very cost-effective program."

Those rising numbers and what causes them are Lockett's biggest concern. "We live in a much more violent society today. You can point the finger at TV, but I think it's a combination of many factors. Drugs and alcohol play a major role in abuse and in most of the cases in which parental rights must be terminated."

For CASA workers, whose mission is to give every child a chance at a safe, loving, permanent home, "playing catch up" with these kinds of challenges can be discouraging. The multiple programs offered by Shawnee County's CASA program provide volunteers with a variety of options in terms of experiences and schedules, which helps avoid burnout. But what best keeps staff and volunteers motivated, says Lockett, is knowing they really do make a difference.

"There are some situations that are truly awful. It can be extremely upsetting and frustrating. But what keeps me going—what keeps everybody going—are the kids and knowing that we do make a difference in their lives. We don't win them all, but there are lots of success stories."

CASA's success is undeniable. The program has strong support from judges who rely on recommendations from volunteers to make informed decisions that are in the best interests of children. "The volume and credibility of information that is provided is well established," says Lockett. "When you're in court and the state agency has two lines of information and CASA has four pages of information, it doesn't take long to develop credibility with the court."

Theta's partnership with CASA has helped increase the program's effectiveness, says Lockett. "It's a good match.

CASA programs are so varied. Some are teeny-weeny, with only a few volunteers, while others have thousands of people involved. There are so many ways for Theta collegians and alumnae to get involved locally, as well as nationally. This is something Thetas can get their hands on and interact with directly, which is how most people learn best."

Lockett also notes the benefits to local CASA programs derived from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's financial support of National CASA (now totaling well over \$500,000). This money finances a toll-free information line, public awareness and educational materials, and the sponsorship of the Program Director of the Year Award.

The recognition and support represented by the award is important, according to Lockett. "My own program is my love," she explains. "Recognition of our excellent staff and volunteers, of how far the program has come, of its credibility with the court and the community, and its stability is significant."

Involvement with Kappa Alpha Theta also continues to be significant to Lockett, who has served in a variety of alumnae capacities, including college district president. She says, "Theta has been extremely important to me. From both college and alumnae experiences, I learned a lot about dealing with diverse groups of people, organizing and leading, and getting things accomplished.

"I hope all Thetas will get involved in CASA in whatever manner they can and realize that it provides an important service to children in their communities. If there's not a local CASA, they can help get one started."

For herself, Lockett says there remains much to accomplish. National CASA has set a goal of providing a volunteer for every child who needs one by the year 2000, and she is doing her part. "CASA is making good progress, and we're trying to position our program to reach the 2000 goal. It's a major leap. It means doubling our budget, but the board is committed to trying, and we're working hard to get all the things done to make it possible. Our program is poised to make that leap."

And Lockett is ready to lead that leap, armed with both Plan A and Plan B. ■

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Celebrating

50 years

of Sisterhood

• ΓN/North Dakota State •

Six charter members of the Gamma Nu Chapter joined almost 200 other Thetas last October to celebrate 50 years of sisterhood. They gathered on the campus of North Dakota State in Fargo to participate in homecoming festivities and to commemorate Gamma Nu's golden anniversary.

Highlights of the weekend included tours of the recently redecorated chapter house as well as a reunion dinner and dance. During the dinner a Theta Through the Decades program presented songs and fashions from each decade since Gamma Nu's inception.

Reunion participants were pleased that Fraternity President Helen Woodward, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, was able to attend the celebration and deliver the keynote address. Plans for a diamond anniversary celebration are already being discussed.

President's Remarks

Excerpts from Helen Woodward's speech at Gamma Nu's 50th anniversary celebration.

Fifty years of sisterhood is being celebrated here this weekend, and the years and distances that have separated

many of you make no difference. The sharing of college memories and cherished friendships is what this weekend is all about.

I would like to take you back in time to 1947 where those same close friendships existed and the desire to become a part of Kappa Alpha Theta motivated an exceptional group of young women to pursue their dream.

Four million returning GI veterans took advantage of the GI Bill and its broad opportunities for education, housing, and business. The CIA was authorized by Congress to counter Soviet espionage, and the phrase "Cold War" was coined. Thor Heyerdahl set sail on a raft, the *Kon Tiki*, from Peru to Tahiti, and Admiral Byrd and Commander Ronne explored Antarctica. Jackie Robinson became the first black major league baseball player and won the Rookie of the Year award.

Tony Awards and the Cannes Film Festival made their first appearances, Almond Joys were created, and a camera was invented that both developed and print-

ed pictures in one minute. A three-course meal at the Copacabana in New York cost \$2.50, and a stay at the New York St. Moritz could be had for \$4.50 a night.



Fraternity President Helen Woodward celebrated 50 years of sisterhood with Janet Long Feist, Gamma Nu facility board treasurer, and Melony Lakeduk Taylor, 50th reunion chairman.

The top box office stars of that year were Bing Crosby, Betty Grable, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper, Clark Gable, and Gregory Peck. America danced and listened to Louis Armstrong, Woody Herman, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Sarah Vaughan, Frank Sinatra, and Frankie Laine. *The Diary of Anne Frank* was published for the first time in 1947. *Tales of the South Pacific*, by James Michener, won the Pulitzer Prize.

In this setting, a group of 33 young women from Beta Xi, a local social sorority at North Dakota State University, petitioned Grand Council to become a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Pearl Dinan, dean of women, wrote of them, "... included in its membership are some of the finest young women in attendance at college."

Pauline Moore, grand treasurer, was part of the installation team in 1947 and wrote, "Ours will be a pleasant task of assimilating this group with proved abilities and know-how. We expect great things from this infusion of their eagerness and earnestness into our fraternity life." Mrs. Moore closed by saying what is true for all of us who serve the Fraternity: "Personally, I count this as one of my richest Fraternity experiences—working with a group so single-minded and determined and seeing realized its dream of association with us in Kappa Alpha Theta, knowing my Fraternity can and does serve and bring real satisfaction to mature women as well as to college students."

Many things have changed since 1947. There are no deans of women on

college campuses, most university presidents do not welcome Greeks on their campuses, and the pool of Theta volunteers to support such efforts as were undertaken 50 years ago is shrinking. Yet many things remain the same: the desire of young women to forge relationships with one another within a fraternity setting and their willingness to pursue that ideal to fruition. Kappa Alpha Theta's leadership position in the Greek world continues, and we are committed, as always, to high standards, high scholarship, and personal integrity. We face many challenges on college campuses today—a reflection of society's problems—yet Kappa Alpha Theta continues to strive to provide a "safe haven" for our college members.

By enfolding young women immediately into membership and by continuing to stand for traditional values, we strive to be a constant in their lives in a world where very little is constant. Our programming and support doesn't just happen; it is the work of many, many Thetas across the United States and Canada. These women believe, like Pauline Moore, that we have an obligation with our Fraternity membership to support those who have come after us.

I would challenge each of you not actively involved with the Fraternity to come back to Theta. We each promised to be earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic workers for our Fraternity at the time of our pledging. It is a promise Theta needs you to keep. We are all so proud of being Thetas, but it takes more than pride. It takes our time and our efforts to maintain this grand old Fraternity. I congratulate Gamma

Nu on 50 successful years of sisterhood and wish for the chapter a future even brighter than its past. I would like to close with a final quote from Pauline Moore, spoken 50 years ago at Gamma Nu's installation. "Theta is richer by one chapter, but all of us who had any part in all this are richer by many, many new friends—the true meaning of fraternity." ■



During a silent auction, an old chandelier prompted laughter and memories for Lori Lamont Lange, Lauri Hlebechuk Kupitz, and Carole Frances Lung.

SUSAN BANZER

ΓΨ/Texas Christian
HOMETOWN: Bedford, Texas
MAJOR: Social Work

THETA INVOLVEMENT: president, member education, Jr. Panhellenic representative

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Virginia Hindman Freeman Scholarship, Theta First Scholarship, Order of Omega, Mortar Board, Golden Key

AMANDA BRENLOVE

ΕΩ/Washington & Jefferson
HOMETOWN: Washington, Penn.
MAJOR: English

THETA INVOLVEMENT: ritualist, music chairman, development committee

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: varsity swim team, Washington Project Head Start volunteer, campus tour guide

NIKI ESTRIN

ZP/UC San Diego
HOMETOWN: Stephenson Ranch, Calif.
MAJOR: Political Science

THETA INVOLVEMENT: 1997-98 ELC, charter member of Zeta Rho, vice-president public relations, Panhellenic delegate, member education chairman

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Panhellenic Board of Directors, member of the PEGIS Foundation, Adopt-a-School volunteer, Order of Omega

AMY LOGAN

BZ/Oklahoma State
HOMETOWN: Piedmont, Okla.
MAJOR: Public Relations

THETA INVOLVEMENT: 1997-98 ELC, vice-president public relations, rush chairman, assistant administrative secretary, Senior Guiding Light Award

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Student Alumni Board executive director, Mortar Board, Outstanding Greek Woman, Order of Omega, Arts and Science Student Council

LARA PERRY

ZP/UC San Diego
HOMETOWN: Glendora, Calif.
MAJOR: Communications/US History

THETA INVOLVEMENT: vice-president development, member education, risk management chairman

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Panhellenic Board of Directors, Rho Chi, PEGIS Foundation

Guess Who's Coming to Visit

When a college chapter receives notice that an Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) is coming to visit, apprehension is sometimes the result. "What have we done?" chapter members may ask. "Are we in trouble?" "Why does she need to meet with *me*?"

Yet a visit from an ELC is a positive opportunity for a chapter to learn new ideas, gain valuable insights, and make a new friend! Kappa Alpha Theta is fortunate to be able to support our college chapters with at least one ELC visit every year.

Twelve highly experienced and enthusiastic young women will

travel for Theta as ELCs in 1998-99. They first met at Grand Convention and gathered again at Headquarters in July for three weeks of intensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures. Their travels began in August and will end in May 1999.

As ambassadors of the Fraternity, ELCs offer support, guidance, and new ideas to college chapter members, advisory and facility corporation boards, and campus administrators. They will educate chapters on programming and policies, as well as on current issues facing today's college women.



1998-99 Educational Leadership Consultants

(back row) Niki Estrin, Carol Rohde, Kelly Wesley, Shelby Thompson, Jamie Stein, Amanda Brenlove, Amy Logan;
(front row) Stephanie Yavorsky, Lara Perry, Heather Rahn, Tiffany Steffes, Susan Banzer

HEATHER RAHN

Γ/Butler

HOMETOWN: Chagrin Falls, Ohio

MAJOR: Telecommunications

THETA INVOLVEMENT: editor, public relations committee, Panhellenic representative

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: PRSSA, student government, CASA, Admissions Resource Corps

CAROL ROHDE

ΔO/Alabama

HOMETOWN: Franklin, Ky.

MAJOR: Marine Science/Biology

THETA INVOLVEMENT: president, member education

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Most Outstanding Junior, Student Government Association, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, student mentor

TIFFANY STEFFES

BN/Florida State

HOMETOWN: Charlotte Harbor, Fla.

MAJOR: English/Creative Writing

THETA INVOLVEMENT: rush chair, social planning committee, administrative committee

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: officer of the month, most improved GPA, Chaires Elementary Fall Festive volunteer

JAMIE STEIN

AN/Montana

HOMETOWN: Miles City, Mont.

MAJOR: Psychology

THETA INVOLVEMENT: president, vice-president administration, scholarship chairman

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Outstanding Officer of the Year, Leslie M. Wilson Scholarship, CASA, Davidson's Honor College, Psychology Club

SHELBY THOMPSON

A/DePauw

HOMETOWN: Paris, Ky.

MAJOR: Communications

THETA INVOLVEMENT: 1997-98 ELC, new member educator, intramural representative, member development committee, nominating committee

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Dean's List, student newspaper, campus radio station, student TV station, Sexual Assault Awareness Committee

KELLY WESLEY

ΓI/Kentucky

HOMETOWN: Lexington, Ky.

MAJOR: Political Science

THETA INVOLVEMENT: president, service chair

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: L. Pearle Green Scholarship, UK Athletic Association Board of Directors, Order of Omega, Societes Pro Legibus

STEPHANIE YAVORSKY

ΓΣ/San Diego State

HOMETOWN: San Diego, Calif.

MAJOR: Social Science

THETA INVOLVEMENT: 1997-98 ELC, president, vice-president administration, ritualist, rush chair, music chair

HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Greek Woman of the Year finalist, Christian Community Theater, GAMMA, Sigma Alpha Phi President's Association

We've Been Coming Together...

Since 1872, members of Kappa Alpha Theta have met once each biennium in a Grand Convention. In the early years, Convention meetings were held in members' homes. As the Fraternity grew and flourished, later Conventions were held in hotels and at resorts, and special trains were chartered to transport delegates across the countryside.

At the first Grand Convention, 12 young women represented two college chapters. At the 1998 Convention, 203 delegates represented 124 college chapters and 86 alumnae chapters, and there were more than 600 additional attendees. Yet the spirit of Grand Convention remains constant: "... a great Fraternity reunion, where friendships are made, renewed, and strengthened, and where the Fraternity develops methods, strengthens organization, and creates policies." -*Estelle Riddle Dodge, K/Kappa 1930*

"At seven o'clock, we lined up according to chapter installation for the banquet and marched in by twos to a very pretty banquet hall, entirely lighted by candles and each table decorated with large pink lady-slippers and blue stars.

The favors were small crested compacts."

-*Unknown delegate, 1948*



"On this bright, beautiful May morning, when all were bright and happy in meeting sisters whom we love with a love that needeth no encouragement but is spontaneous—we the representatives of three of the flourishing chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, met in mass Convention for the purpose of increasing the interest and the welfare of the Kappa Alpha Theta society."

-*Flora Tingley, A/DePauw, 1875*



"We held our first and second sessions in the Phi Gamma Delta rooms, and the third in the Sigma Chi rooms! Think of the generosity of the Greencastle boys and the glorious freedom of western ideas!"

-*Jessie Boulton, I/Cornell, 1883*

This is the first in an ongoing series of articles highlighting the contents of the Fraternity archives.



The historic Hotel del Coronado in Coronado, Calif., was the site of Grand Convention 1960.

Delegates to Grand Convention 1940—held on Mackinac Island, Mich.—donned handmade pansy bonnets.



In 1930, the Kappa Alpha Theta train carried delegates to Canada for the first time, to Toronto, Ontario.



Theta's Jubilee Convention was held in Pasadena, Calif.

When most of us graduated from college, we left behind the daily reminders of sisterhood: community living, meals together with sisters, the regularity of ritual, intramural sporting events. But when Alicia Allen, Zeta Mu/MIT, graduated in 1994, she knew that elements of the sisterhood she had experienced as a collegian would continue in another way—through her yearly job as a counselor at Singing Eagle Lodge.

In fact, Singing Eagle Lodge has been a part of Allen's life longer than Theta has. A Singing Eagle camper since the age of nine, Allen now serves as an active staff member at the two-week summer session at the Holderness, N.H., all-girls camp.

"When I was young, I took modern dance classes. My dance teacher told our class about the camp, and I became interested," Allen says. "A parent of a child who had attended the camp held a tea for girls to learn more, and that's how I got started in it."

Allen, who has a bachelor's degree in urban studies and a master's in city planning, hails from Larchmont, N.Y. She now views her relationship with fellow campers and counselors as a "sisterhood" that often mirrors the experiences she shared with her Theta sisters at MIT.

"We have many of the activities of your regular 'summer camp,' as well as our own ceremonial traditions," she explains.

As with Theta's founding four, the camp's original founders started their sisterhood with a basic ideal—care of the environment and land, as in the tradition of Native Americans. Singing Eagle Lodge dates back to 1917.

To emphasize their founders' thoughts, Singing Eagle campers each make Indian dresses, which are worn during their ceremonial council fire meetings. During these meetings, campers receive beads for accomplishments achieved throughout their camp sessions, which are placed on their decorated dresses. Campers sing songs, prepare written histories for each day of the camp, and adhere to a seating arrangement dictated by their affiliations with one of the two camp "teams"—the Pines and the Birches.

Sharing Sisterhood at Singing Eagle Lodge

by Erin Kretschmar, AM/Missouri



"Once you are named to one of the teams, you are with them for life," Allen says. "The two teams compete against each other during the camp session."

As with many Theta chapters, the campers stay busy with "extracurricular" activities, too. Allen's specialty is instructing campers in canoeing. Singing Eagle Lodge also offers volleyball, arts and crafts, and mountain hiking—some campers climb area mountains, including Mt. Washington, the highest peak in New England.

In preparation for "performance night" at the end of each two-week session, girls take either dance or drama class; return campers alternate these classes each year.

"Everyone looks forward to our performance night. It gives us all a chance to see what we've learned during that year's session," Allen says. "It's an evening of entertainment for the whole camp."

Togetherness, as in a sorority house situation, is very much a part of life at Singing Eagle. As a counselor, Allen lives in a cabin with six to 12 girls, all from the same age group. To encourage mingling, campers are assigned meal-time seats with those outside their age group/cabin assignment.

To the best of Allen's knowledge, Singing Eagle Lodge is the only camp in America that is jointly maintained and operated by its 30 staff members, much like a Theta chapter would be run by its active members.

"We have a deep feeling of sisterhood and attachment," says Allen. She

explains that mothers and grandmothers who camped here bring their daughters and granddaughters to camp here.

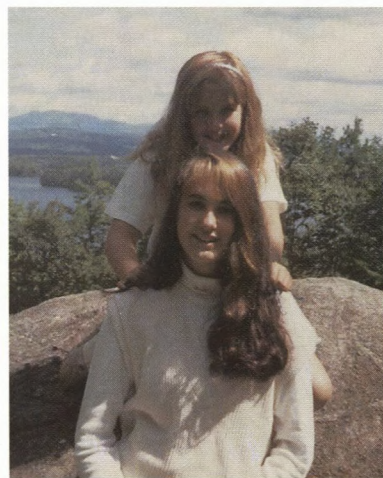
This tradition of legacies is something on which the camp prides itself. Although she was the first member of her family to attend Singing Eagle, Allen's sister is now a camper, and they hope to keep the tradition alive in their family.

"Many girls attended camp like their mothers and grandmothers, which is a neat way for them to share in a camp experience," Allen says.

Although the camp session is only two weeks out of the entire year, the camp staff stays in touch. They meet for winter and spring board meetings to discuss the curriculum for the next stay at Singing Eagle Lodge, as well as to reminisce about past camping experiences.

Allen eagerly anticipates each session at Singing Eagle. "It's something I look forward to every year. It would be hard to imagine a summer without it."

For more information on Singing Eagle Lodge in Holderness, NH, you may contact Alicia Allen at iggym@mit.edu or 617/253-0191.



Alicia Allen, ZM/MIT, pictured with her younger sister, Rebekah Jude, who is continuing the Singing Eagle tradition in the Allen family.

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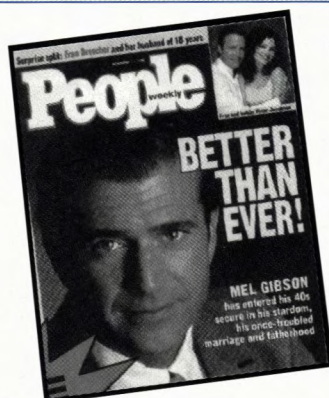
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THETA REUNIONS



P Thetas from the Rho Chapter at Nebraska living in the Denver area celebrated with a reunion of pledge classes from 1976-1986. They are shown here cheering their team to a victory over Washington. **BACK ROW:** Susan Wirth Pawlowski, Tami Canaday Reusink, Katie Osbourn Field, Carla Olson Ayers, Jeanne Matzke Alaska, Doran Matzke, Jane Matzke Christoffersen; **FRONT ROW:** Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Stacy Decker Hayes, Vicki Martin Selden.



A Eleven members who pledged at the Alpha Chapter at DePauw in 1954 were reunited last fall at the home of Jeanne & Bob Ratzer in Edwards, Colo.: Lynne Wonderlin Rehder, Suzie Matlock Gooding, Marge Davis Morehead, Nan Hall Stewart, Jeanne Mason Ratzer, Joan Westmen Battey, Marilyn Holtman Fettes, Bev Stern McCleave, Betty Davis Givens, Fran Swanstrom MacCollum, Marilyn Shanks Klingaman.



ΑΞ Members of the Alpha Xi Chapter at Oregon during the '70s gathered in Portland, Ore., for a reunion and to enjoy the steel drum band music of Theta sister Barbara Kitchel. Pictured are, **BACK ROW:** Judy Stanton, Molly Madden Herrle, Patricia Wright Rollin, Ann Schwabe, Julie Finstad, Jane Lehe Eggert, George Shannon Maddox, Sally Morgan Nelson, Sue Carlson Bergeson; **MIDDLE:** Chris Henson Woodard; **BOTTOM ROW:** Carrie Torkelson Guy, Mary Martin Casey, Barbara Kitchel, Karen Steinbock.



ΓΔ Celebrating their 50th class reunion, seven members of the Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan pledge class of '44 came together in Delaware, Ohio. The watercolor of the Theta house pictured with Marie Nickles Gardner, Jane Paryzek Messersmith, Patricia Holman Glover, Lois Wurstner Oblinger, Mary Jo Buvinger Wolters, and Hallie Lewis Ditty was painted by Fred Messersmith.



ΒΞ Twenty-seven members of the Beta Xi Chapter returned to the UCLA chapter house to celebrate the twentieth reunion of their initiation. **BACK ROW:** Clunie Holt, Amy Horton Steingard; **SECOND ROW:** Kathy Dunn Hinman, Donna Benson Smith, Julie (Babe) Dalton, Chick Porter Runkel, MaryAnn Griffith Shimer, Nancy Carr Concha, Jan Shurtleff Zucker, Susie Diggs Duernberger, Heidi Perham Mooney, Lori Devine Burns, Stacy Fisher Robinson, Jody Friedman Weiss; **THIRD ROW (BEGINNING IN THE MIDDLE):** Helen Scrim Davis, Bridget Tweedie, Yvonne Harding Schloemer, Sara Kinsell Hadley; **FRONT ROW:** Karen Kennedy Wight, Dana Trapnell Tibbitts, Linda Hoffman Rasmussen, Irma Hurtado Braner, Leann Taylor Angelich, Linda Kuhn Ensbury, Cathy VanBerkhout Goshorn, Jordan Sellinger O'Neil, Heidi Krasel Rawlings.



ΒΠ·ΓΔ Members of the Beta Pi Chapter from Michigan State celebrating their 40th and members of the Gamma Delta Chapter from Georgia celebrating their 25th met unexpectedly in Hilton Head, SC. **BACK ROW:** Fran Jarrell Lane, ΓΔ/Georgia, Lane Jennings Stewart, ΓΔ/Georgia, Susan Serff Mason, ΒΠ/Michigan State, Jan Somers Jonson, ΒΠ/Michigan State; **SECOND ROW:** Sally Peck Cole, ΓΔ/Georgia, Rusty Orr Lewis, ΒΠ/Michigan State, Betty Timmerman Britton, ΒΠ/Michigan State; **THIRD ROW:** Lucy Willis Rainey, ΓΔ/Georgia, Joanne Gumbly Conner, ΓΔ/Georgia, Sue Hudson Halter, ΓΔ/Georgia, Carol Rouse Nicholls, ΒΠ/Michigan State, Carolyn Roth, ΒΠ/Michigan State; **FOURTH ROW:** Sharry Brinson Shepard, ΓΔ/Georgia, Esther Ransom Husser, ΓΔ/Georgia, Jo Lassen Zavitz, ΒΠ/Michigan State, Mary Fagan Rourke, ΒΠ/Michigan State; **FRONT ROW:** Mary Neller Jessup, ΒΠ/Michigan State, Mary Alice Ritchlin Bossler, ΒΠ/Michigan State. ■

Thank you to all who submitted photographs of Theta reunions. We're sorry that we didn't have room to publish them all. We will continue to publish photos of reunions in future issues of *The Magazine*.

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